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Firing On Bombay Strikers

Kamgar Maidan Rally Sequel

Four Police Officers And Seven Constables Injured In Stone-Throwing

BOMBAY, Friday.

The first clash between the police and the workers in connection with the Textile strike in Bombay occurred near the Haffkine Institute, Parel, to-night, when four Police Officers opened fire with revolvers, at long range, when a crowd of about 500 workers pelted stones at the police.

POLICE OFFICERS INJURED

Mr. W. R. G. Smith, Commissioner of Police, Mr. Kamte, Deputy Commissioner of Police, Rao Saheb S. K. Dere, Prohibition Superintendent, sub-Inspector Powar and seven constables are reported to have received injuries as a result of stone throwing.

Seven shots which were fired by the Police Officers at long range did not injure anyone. The crowd dispersed immediately after the firing.

Lathi Charge?

About twenty workers seem to have received injuries due to a lathi charge which the police are alleged to have made earlier, while the crowd was proceeding along the King Edward Road, raising slogans in contravention of the Police Commissioner's order.

Workers' Rally And After

The incident occurred after a crowd of over 50,000 workers who had gathered at the Kamgar Maidan for a rally at night, had dispersed. About 5,000 workers who branched off in the direction of Sewri along the King Edward Road started raising slogans. A posse of about 15 constables followed them as the shouting of slogans was on the increase. The Commissioner of Police, Deputy Commissioner and some other officers also followed. A section of the crowd numbering about 500 broke off from the main crowd, went into a lane near the Haffkine Institute and continued the slogans at a higher pitch. The police are reported to have tried to disperse them by a lathi charge.

Pelting Of Stone

The crowd, however, ascended a big mound of stones meant for road repairs, turned on the police party and started pelting stones. Four Police Officers and 7 constables were injured due to stone throwing. Finding the situation serious, 4 officers whipped out their revolvers and fired at long range. The lane was dark and the bullets did not hit anyone in the crowd. The workers who had taken their stand on the mound of stones ran helter-skelter in the direction of Parel village. No arrests could be effected.

One police constable is reported to have received serious injuries due to stone-throwing.

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Mail Van Held Up

Gangsters Exchange Shots With Armed Escort

BANNU, March 29.

The Datta Khel mail van was held up by a gang of armed tribal raiders last evening near Booya in north Waziristan.

Firing is said to have been exchanged between the gang and the armed escort travelling in the mail van.

The raiders are reported to have suffered heavily while one Waziri passenger, who received injuries, has been brought to the hospital here.—A. P.

Nagpur

GENERAL STRIKE

To Begin On April 8

NAGPUR, March 29.

At a meeting of the Council of Representatives of the Nagpur Textile Union it was decided to declare a general strike of textile workers from April 8 next following the publication of Clarke's report on the demand for dearness allowance.

It may be recalled that Mr. Clarke, Sessions Judge, who enquired into the demand declined to support.

It is understood that 125 members of the Council of Representatives, who were present unanimously favoured the declaration of a general strike.—United Press.

CONGRESS LEADS

Calcutta Civic Elections

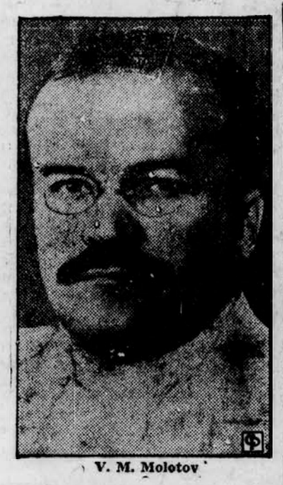
CALCUTTA, March 29.

The following is the final state of the major parties in the Calcutta Corporation elections:—

Congress	26
Muslim League	18
Hindu Mahasabha	15

The features of the election have been the trial of strength between the candidates put up by the suspended Provincial Congress Committee under the leadership of Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose and those supported by the Hindu Mahasabha and the success achieved by the Muslim League, which contested these elections for the first time.

Mr. B. C. Chatterjee, vice-President of the provincial Mahasabha, was defeated by a Congress candidate, while Mr. N. C. Chatterjee, the general secretary of the Sabha, was successful in a contest to which particular importance was attached by both parties.—A. P.



V. M. Molotov

Molotov Speaks

CHARGE AGAINST BR. CONTRABAND CONTROL

MOSCOW, March 29.

M. Molotov addressing a joint session of the Federal and National Councils referred to the Russo-Finnish conflict and estimated the Soviet casualties at 48,795 killed and 1,58,863 wounded.

Referring to the present war, M. Molotov stressed the continued friendship between Russia and Germany and said that Franco-Russian relations had deteriorated because of hostile acts against the Soviet union.

ARTIFICIAL PRETEXT

Alluding to the seizure of Soviet merchantships in the Far East by the British Contraband Control, M. Molotov said that Britain and France were finding an artificial pretext to extend hostilities to Russia.

M. Molotov also referred to the contemplated defensive alliance between Sweden, Norway and Finland and said that it was contrary to the Russo-Finnish peace terms. He characterised it as an attempt against the Soviet Union.

M. Molotov concluded "The Soviet Union neither was nor will it be an instrument of alien forces It would pursue its independent policy whether these gentlemen would like it or not."—Reuter.

LEAKAGE OF BLOCKADE

Discussion In Supreme War Council

LONDON, March 29.

It is now learned that among other things the Supreme War Council discussed, the position of the Neutrals, the attitude of the Allies towards Italy and Soviet Russia.

It is believed in some quarters that special attention was given to German trade through Vladivostock and Soviet Russia. Some people believe that this is one of the most serious leakages of the 'Blockade' and the position was reviewed from every angle.

As regards Italy, consideration has been given to the demands which have been made in the French Press recently for a serious attempt at a rapprochement between Italy and the Allies, and finally the Balkan question was discussed.—Reuter.

RUSSO-FINNISH NEGOTIATIONS

STOCKHOLM, March 29.

According to information from Moscow the negotiations which

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British Convoy Sunk

Berlin High Command Communique: London Denies It

BERLIN, Mar. 29.

A High Command communique states that during last evening "German planes successfully attacked under the most difficult weather conditions a British convoy in the region of Shetlands.

The convoy was scattered.

Six large merchantships were hit, one ship being set on fire and the convoying vessel sunk. All planes returned unharmed."

"Entirely False"

LONDON: The Admiralty state that the German claims with regard to the attack on a British convoy yesterday are entirely false. As stated last evening, one enemy plane attacked a convoy in the Northsea. The raider was driven off after dropping five bombs, which did no damage whatever.—Reuter.

CONTRABAND FOR GERMANY?

Intercepted Vessels Handed Over To France

LONDON, March 29.

The Ministry of Economic Warfare announces "'Selenga' and 'Vladimar Mayakovsky' which were intercepted in the Far Eastern waters and brought to Hongkong on suspicion of carrying contraband destined for Germany, are being handed over to the French authorities.

The Allied navies have always acted in close co-operation in Contraband Control and the present case is one of those, where for administrative reasons, it has been convenient to transfer ships from the custody of one Ally to that of the other. Neither of these ships has been released and examinations for the purpose of Contraband Control have not yet been completed."—Reuter.

SOVIET STEAMER RELEASED

HONGKONG, March 29.

According to local agents, the Soviet steamer "Selenga" was released with the cargo undisturbed by the authorities.

It is learned that the vessel left the harbour yesterday afternoon.—Reuter.

German Ships Busy Escaping

BATAVIA, March 29

Three German steamers "Nordmark" (7750 tons) "Rendsburg" (6200 tons) and "Vogtland" (6600 tons) which had been taking refuge here are believed to be preparing to make a dash for Vladivostock.

Painted grey with their names obliterated they are busily loading cargoes products. Fourteen other German vessels lying in various Netherlands East-Indian harbours, are reported to be engaged on similar activities.—Reuter.

Aberdeen Trawler Bombed

LONDON, March 29.

The Aberdeen trawler "Inverneill" was attacked by a German plane off the northeast coast of Scotland last night.

The plane dropped three or four bombs and an aerial torpedo, but made no direct hits. The mate was wounded in the arm.

The trawlers Lewis gun fired 250 rounds and the plane eventually made off.

The plane also machinegunned the trawler.—Reuter.

SCANDINAVIA IN DANGER

Allies Out To Stop Supplies For Nazis

AND GERMANY WILL BE COMPELLED TO TAKE STEPS TO PROTECT HER VITAL INTERESTS

STOCKHOLM, March 29.

Fears are widely expressed that northern Neutrals, especially Norway, are in an increasingly dangerous position.

It is generally assumed, yesterday's Supreme War Council decided in favour of further action against shipments of iron ore from Norway to Germany. It is recognised that the cutting off of the Norwegian route will be an extremely serious blow to Germany as she will then be forced to wait at least a month until Sweden's Baltic Port Lulea is ice-free. Moreover, Narvik is only hundred miles from the ironfields, while Lulea is 250 miles distant and is connected only by a small railway.

Dangerous Turn For Neutrals

Tidningen's Berlin correspondent says:

"Well-informed German circles consider that the events have taken a tremendousiv dangerous turn for Neutrals, especially Scandinavia, during the past 24 hours.

Western Powers are determined to stop iron ore reaching Germany at any cost while Germany depends on these supplies. Without them she is unable to carry on the war."

The correspondent adds that the situation is nearer the point than is generally believed wherein Germany will be compelled to take steps to protect her vital interests.

The correspondent further declares that it is taken for granted in Berlin that Western Powers have decided to ignore Scandinavian Neutrality on the principle that "he who is not with us is against us."—Reuter.

TO COUNTERACT LEAGUE PROPAGANDA

'MUSLIM LEAGUE UNMASKED'

PESHAWAR, March 29.

"The Muslim League stands unmasked. The success of the Muslim League will mean the utter annihilation of Indian nationalism and the sounding of the death knell of India's freedom," says Khan Abdul Qaiyum Khan, M.L.A. (Central), in the course of a statement to the Press.

Khan Abdul Qaiyum Khan says: "The country now knows what the Muslim League stands for. It stands for the vivisection of Hindustan. It seems determined to resist, if need be, by force, all those who are disgusted with the present system."

"It is now the duty of Nationalist Muslims," adds Khan Abdul, "to speak out. Mr. Jinnah wants self-determination for the various units. But the country must know that the Frontier Province will resist with its blood all and any attempts to amalgamate it with a reactionary Punjab and Sind. We know that the Muslims of the Punjab and Sind have surrendered their fate to Muslims, who are the creation of British Imperialism and who have throughout their lives strengthened the hold of Britain over India."

"Is it possible", asks Khan Abdul, "for a go-ahead and self-respecting province to enter into a union with provinces which are very backward politically and where the nationalist forces are disorganised and utterly hopeless?"

Mr. Abdul Qaiyum concludes: "Regarding the threat of resisting the move of the Congress to secure freedom for the country, I can say that it is now more than an idle threat. The Muslims of India are lovers of freedom. The threat of resisting the nationalist movement will only stiffen British opposition to the demands of nationalist India. But Britain will find that the Princes and the Muslim League are broken reeds when the test comes.

"I hope and trust that the coming Conference of Nationalist Muslims at Delhi will take up this question and will express the betterminds of Islam in India by unequivocally voting for a united nation and a free Hindusthan."—United Press.

NEW DELHI, March 29.

The dates of the All Parties Independent Muslim Conference to be held in Delhi have been fixed on April 27, 28 and 29.

In connection with the proposed conference, Dr. Shaukatullah Ansari, General Secretary of the Reception Committee, in the course of an interview said that in response to repeated demands from all over the country for a conference of independent and patriotic Muslims, responsible office-bearers of the All-India Jamiatul-Ulema, All-India Momin Conference, Krishak Proja Party of Bengal, the Independent Muslim Party of Bihar and the Anjuman-e-Watan of Watan, Baluchistan, decided to convene a Conference of all independent nationalist Muslim parties.

Among those, who had already signified their desire to participate in the proposed Conference, beside the delegates of the convening organisations, are Khudai Khidmatgars, Muslim Nationalists and a number of Muslim members both of the Central and Provincial Legislatures.—United Press.

KHALSA NATIONALISTS CONDEMN IT

LAHORE, Mar. 29.

That the division of India into Hindu and Muslim Independent States, as envisaged by the recent resolution of the Muslim League is fraught with the most dangerous consequences, detrimental alike to the best interests of the various communities and the country as a whole is the view expressed by the Khalsa National Party, led by Sir Sundersingh Majithia, Revenue Minister, Punjab, in a resolution passed at a meeting of the party to-day.

In the opinion of the Party, the resolution of the Muslim League has created a situation, which may mean a parting of the ways for the Sikhs and Muslims with whom the Khalsa National Party has been co-operating in the Provincial Autonomy regime in the best interests of the Province and the Sikh Community. The party hopes that saner counsels will prevail and a catastrophe that is staring the country in the face will be averted.

NAZI 'PLANE CRASH

Entire Crew Killed

PARIS, Mar. 29.

It is officially announced that a German (Dornier type 17) aeroplane crashed while on reconnaissance over north-east France yesterday, the entire crew being killed.

The crash is attributed either to engine trouble or storm.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

MOLOTOV EXPLAINS RUSSIAN FOREIGN POLICY.

According to Moscow Radio, Molotov's speech to the Soviet Parliament spoke of "many instances of Franco-British hostility to Soviet Union" because the policy pursued by the Soviet was 'not palatable to the British and the French whose nerves were not in order.'

Molotov said "Rumours that the Soviet Union claimed ports in Sweden and Norway were unworthy of denial. Our relations with Turkey and Iran are determined by treaties of non-agression. We have no pact of non-aggression with Rumania. This is explained by the unsettled controversy regarding Bessarabia. Japan must realise that Soviet will not tolerate any violation of her interests."

LABOUR REBUFF TO EXTREME LEFTISTS

Australia Backs Commonwealth Ideal

SYDNEY, Mar. 29.

Supporters of the extreme left wing in New south Wales experienced a rebuff when all new Labour members of the Federal House of Representatives and the Senate held a meeting and repudiated "the hands off Russia resolution".

Members unanimously endorsed the statement by the Labour party's leader Mr. Curtin that Labour is pledged to maintain Australia as an integral part of the British Commonwealth.—Reuter.

"Navigational Error"

LONDON, Mar. 29.

Representations have been received in London from the Dutch Government with regard to a British aeroplane which was shot down in Holland yesterday.

Reuter's diplomatic correspondent learns that, as the incident was obviously due to a navigational error, it is not expected to present any difficulties to the two Governments.—Reuter.

NEW DELHI.—The 'United Press' learns that it has been proposed to hold the autumn session of the Central Legislative Assembly either on September 7 or 10 in Delhi. A definite announcement will, however, be made later.—United Press.

TURKO-SYRIAN "ENTENTE"

ROME, March 29.

A convention of friendship and good neighbourly relations is to be concluded between Syria and Turkey, according to an Ankara despatch.

The convention will be signed by M. Gabbriel Puaux, High Commissioner for Syria who has just arrived in Ankara, M. Massagh, French Ambassador to Turkey and M. Sarajogulu the Turkish Foreign Minister.—Reuter.

'GRAF SPEE' DENIAL

BERLIN, March 29.

According to a Buenos Aires despatch issued by the German news agency, the statement that the "Graf Spee" crew refused to put to sea is emphatically denied by the First Officer Captain Kay, who says: "This statement is in all details a mere invention" and cites a thousand persons—from the first officer to the youngest seaman of the "Graf Spee"—as witnesses.—Reuter.

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60-61. From Mr. Fateh Mahomed Haji Ramzan—For inscribing names in Urdu also on the name-plates affixed on (60) the plants, trees, zoological cages, etc., in the Victoria Gardens and the Victoria and Albert Museum; and (61) the cupboards containing the exhibits in all the sections of the Prince of Wales Museum of Western India.

62-64. From Dr. B. H. Raiadhyaksha—For (62) obtaining a report from the Commissioner regarding certain unlicensed stables at Dharavi, etc.; (63) expediting the Medical Relief and Public Health Committee's report regarding the improvements in Municipal Dispensaries and Maternity Homes in the City; and (64) requesting the B. E. S. & T. Co., Ltd., to construct a shelter at the tramway stopping station near Jehangir Merwanji Street opposite the Light of India Restaurant at Parel.

65-67. From Mr. Naushir C. Bharucha—For (65) obtaining a subvention from Government in connection with the responsibility thrown on the Corporation under the Bombay Shops and Establishments Act; (66) revoking the licence granted to the New Era Paint Works at Byculla; and (67) obtaining a report from the Commissioner regarding a tender for the supply of bullock shoes and nails.

68-71. From Mr. K. H. Goregaoker—For (68) requiring any Municipal officer attending a Conference at Municipal expense to submit a report of the proceedings, etc., thereat; (69) requesting the Medical Relief and Public Health Committee to prepare a scheme to check the spread of Tuberculosis in the City; (70) obtaining a report from the Commissioner regarding the facilities existing at present at each of the Municipal Dispensaries for treating Dental cases, etc., and (71) requesting the Commissioner to issue instructions for the prompt disposal of petitions, complaints, etc.

72. From Mr. Devji Rattansey —For shifting the Public Conveyance Stand No. 35,—Musjid Bunder Road, to some other place.

73. From Mr. Nagindas T. Master—For amending the Interpellations Rules so as to obviate the indefinite holding up of Monthly Meetings for replies held over owing to absence of Councillors.

74-75. From Mr. Khimji M. Bhujpuria— For amending the Building Bye-laws for compelling landlords to provide (74) MORIS in all tenements used or let for dwelling purposes; and (75) separate water-connections in case of dwellings let out for residential purposes the areas of which exceed 250 sq. feet.

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By Order of His Worship
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Municipal Corporation Office,
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POLICE NOTICE

RED CROSS PAGEANT— TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

(From 8-30 p.m. onwards on 30th March and from 5-30 p.m. onwards on 31st March and 1st April, 1940)

I. Churchgate Street from its junction with Mayo Road to its junction with New Marine Lines shall be CLOSED to all through traffic.

II. The area enclosed by Road 'E' and Queen's Road from Churchgate Station to Bandstand on the east, New Marine Extension from the Band Stand to Marine Drive on the South, Marine Drive from its junction with the above Extension to its junction with Road 'D' on the west and Road 'D' on the north shall be reserved for public purposes and the vehicular traffic proceeding to the Brabourne Stadium shall proceed as under:—

1. **TRAFFIC FROM QUEEN'S ROAD NORTH, I.E., FROM OPERA HOUSE.**
   (i) Cars with passengers who have seats in the Cricket Club of India, the Patiala Pavilion and the Governor's Pavilion shall proceed along Queen's Road and then along Dinshaw Wachha Road.
   (ii) Cars of visitors attending the Public or Gymkhana Stands shall proceed along Queen's Road turn right into Dinshaw Wachha Road and then along the new road leading to Jamshedji Tata Road and Churchgate Street.
2. **TRAFFIC FROM MARINE DRIVE NORTH, I.E., FROM CHAUPATI.**
   (i) All traffic shall be diverted VIA 'D' and 'E' Roads.
   (ii) Cars with passengers who have seats in the Cricket Club of India, the Patiala Pavilion and the Governor's Pavilion shall go round Churchgate Station island and proceed in the same manner as the traffic coming from Queen's Road North.
   (iii) Cars of visitors to the Public or Gymkhana Stands shall go round the Churchgate Station island, and proceed along Queen's Road, Dinshaw Wachha Road and the new road leading to Jamshedji Tata Road and Churchgate Street.
3. **TRAFFIC FROM THE NEW BACK BAY ROAD, CUFFE PARADE & COLABA SOUTH.**
   (i) Cars with passengers who have seats in the Cricket Club of India, the Patiala Pavilion and the Governor's Pavilion shall proceed along New Marine Extension, Katcha Road and Dinshaw Wachha Road.
   (ii) Cars of the visitors attending the Public or Gymkhana Stands shall turn right into Queen's Road and proceed VIA Dinshaw Wachha Road and the new road leading to Jamshedji Tata Road and Churchgate Street.
4. **TRAFFIC FROM EAST OF THE BAND STAND, EAST OF MAYO ROAD AND FROM BORI BUNDER.**

All traffic from these places shall proceed VIA Mayo Road or Hornby and Esplanade Roads to the Band Stand and proceed as under:—

   (i) Cars with passengers who have seats in the Cricket Club of India, the Patiala Pavilion and the Governor's Pavilion shall proceed VIA Queen's Road and Dinshaw Wachha Road.
   (ii) Cars to the Public or Gymkhana Stands shall proceed VIA Queen's Road, Dinshaw Wachha road, New Road leading to Jamshedji Tata Road and Churchgate St.

III. PARKING ARRANGEMENTS

1. Cars with passengers who have seats in the Cricket Club of India, the Patiala Pavilion and the Governor's Pavilion shall park on the open piece of ground to the south of the Cricket Club of India.
2. Cars of the spectators visiting the Public and Gymkhana Stands shall park on the north side of the Churchgate Street and on A. B. and C. Roads. Surplus cars will park on the west side of the Marine Drive south of its junction with Dinshaw Wachha Road and along the south side of the New Marine Extension.
3. Buses shall be allowed to park in the reserved space on Churchgate Street between Mayo Road and New Marine Lines.

IV. Empty taxis and hack vic-

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torias shall not enter the reserved area.

V. TRAFFIC AFTER THE PAGEANT.

1. Cars with passengers who have seats in the Cricket Club of India, the Patiala Pavilion and the Governor's Pavilion shall leave VIA Dinshaw Wachha Road and New Marine Extension by turning right for Chaupati and left VIA Marine Drive Extension for all other places.
2. Visitors from the Public and Gymkhana Stands shall enter their cars on the north side of Churchgate Street. The cars parked on Roads A. B. and C. shall move in an anti-clockwise direction VIA Marine Drive and Churchgate Street. If their owners are not waiting for them the cars will be sent round VIA E. A. B. and C. Roads. They will leave VIA Queen's Road turning right or left as desired.

Surplus cars parked on the west side of Marine Drive and south of New Marine Extension shall join the flow of traffic from A. B and C. Roads and if the owners of these cars are not waiting they shall move in the anti-clockwise direction along with the cars of A. B. and C. Roads.

Residents of the reserved area will be permitted to proceed to their residences by any of the routes mentioned above on explaining their wishes to officers on duty.

This order is issued under section 23 (4) of the Bombay City Police Act, IV of 1902.

W. R. G. SMITH.
Commissioner of Police.

Head Police Office,
Bombay, 15th March, 1940.
(2202)

NOTICE.

CRICKET CLUB OF INDIA.

Members of the Cricket Club of India and their guests are warned that their cars not bearing the traffic card issued to Members will not be permitted by the Police on the road leading to the Club or to be parked in the open space opposite the Club House. Traffic cards may be obtained from the Hall Porter at the Club.

A. A. JASDENVALA,
Hon. Secy.—C. C. I.
2225

G. I. P. AND B. B. & C. I. RAILWAYS.

REFUND ON SEASON TICKET FARES.

The 'increased charge' collected on all season tickets for which the corresponding ordinary single journey fares are Rupee one or under, will be refunded.

Refunds will be made by the Booking Clerks at stations on renewal or surrender of the existing season tickets.

Season Ticket holders are requested to sign an acknowledgement for the amount refunded.
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GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY

TENDER NOTICE.

SEALED TENDERS ARE INVITED and will be received by the undersigned in his Office, near Charni Road Station, Queen's Road, Bombay, upto 12 Noon (S.T.), on FRIDAY, the 12th April, 1940, for the supply of Drawing Articles such as Drawing Papers, Waterproof Inks, Pencils, Brushes, Water Colours, Tracing Cloth, etc., during the official year 1940-41.

Details of the articles and the conditions of Tender etc., together with the Tender Form can be had on application from the office of the undersigned on payment of Rs. 2/- per copy.

Tenderers must specify whether the articles are Indian-made or Imported.

The undersigned does not bind himself to accept any or the lowest tender.

As far as possible, preference will be given to Swadeshi Goods.

Earnest Money will not be accepted in cash. The amount should be paid into the nearest Government Treasury. The necessary Chalan forms can be had from this Office. The Chalan signed by the Treasury Officer should be forwarded with the Tender.

J. A. NEALE,
Superintendent,
Govt. Printing & Stationery,
Bombay.

Bombay, 13th March, 1940.
(2142)

Public Notices

WANTED.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED and should reach the undersigned before 15-4-1940 for the post of Chemical Assistant on Rs. 150 per mensem in the grade of Rs. 150—10—250 E. B. —10—300. Qualifications:—(1) A. I. C. by examination or (2) M. Sc. (1st class) in Chemistry of an Indian University or (3) B. Sc. (Hons.) in Chemistry of an English University. Research work in Organic Chemistry and industrial experience will receive preferential consideration. Applicants should be under 30 years and should furnish details regarding age, community, domicile, and previous experience, and should forward copies of certificates, recent testimonials and published papers. The post is temporary at present upto 28-2-1941 but may be extended. No travelling or other allowances will be paid for interviews or for journeys to take up the post. Canvassing will be a disqualification.

(Sd.) P. N. CHANDAVARKAR,
Collector of Customs.

New Custom House,
Bombay, 29th March, 1940.
2242

THE NEW INDIA ASSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED BOMBAY

Temporary Receipts

LOST OR MISLAID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that two temporary receipts of the New India Assurance Co., Ltd. No. 28623/71479 for ten shares numbered 40847/40856 in joint names of Mrs. Goolbanu Behramji Lalkaka, Miss Freny Behramji Lalkaka and Mr. Behramji Sorabji Lalkaka, and No. 28605/71431 for twenty shares numbered 140232/140236; 339354/339358; 40787/40796 standing in name of Mrs. Goolbanu Behramji Lalkaka have been LOST or MISLAID, and the undersigned have applied to the Company to issue duplicate temporary receipts for same. Any persons having any claim on the said shares should notify to and lodge such claim with the Company at its registered office, Central Bank Building, Fort, Bombay, within one month from this date, after which no claim will be considered and the Company will proceed to issue duplicate temporary receipts.

GOOLBANU BEHRAMJI LALKAKA.
FRENY BEHRAMJI LALKAKA.
BEHRAMJI SORABJI LALKAKA.
Joint holders of ten above-mentioned shares.
GOOLBANU BEHRAMJI LALKAKA.
Holder of twenty above-mentioned shares.

Bombay, 30th March, 1940.
(2238)

Legal Notices

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

TESTAMENTARY AND INTESTATE JURISDICTION.

GEORGE VI, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

Petition for Succession Certificate in respect of certain securities and debts belonging to DHARAMSEY NARANDAS, of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant, a Piece Goods Merchant, residing at the time of his death at Cavel Street, Kalbadevi, outside the Fort of Bombay..Deceased.

Bai HIRAVAHU, widow of Dharamsey Narandas of Bombay Bhatia Hindu Inhabitant, residing at Walji Sunderji Mala, 1st floor, Cavel Street, Kalbadevi Road, outside the Fort of Bombay .....Petitioner.

All persons claiming to have any interest in the Estate of the abovenamed deceased are hereby cited to come and see the Proceedings if they think fit before the Grant of Succession Certificate.

Witness SIR JOHN WILLIAM FISHER BEAUMONT, Knight, Chief Justice at Bombay aforesaid, this 4th day of March, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and forty and in the fourth year of our Reign.

Seal of the High Court at Bombay

(Sd.) S. J. RAHIMTOOLA
For Prothonotary and Senior Master.

(Sd.) TAHIR ALI,

The 4th day of March, 1940.
Messrs. MADHAVJI & CO.,
Petitioner's Attorneys.
2240

Legal Notices

NOTICE OF SALE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Haji Ahmed Bajid and NOORMAHOMED BAJID as the proving executors of Bajid Gulab deceased and in their personal capacity and Haji Ramjan Bajid and Razak Bajid all of Bombay Mahomedan inhabitants have contracted for the absolute sale to our clients of the undermentioned property. All persons, therefore, having, or claiming any right, title or interest in or to the said property or any part thereof, whether by way of inheritance, bequest, trust, possession, gift, sale, mortgage, charge, lien, lease, or otherwise howsoever, are hereby required to make such claims known in writing to the undersigned at their Office, No. 113, Esplanade Road, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from this date, otherwise the said sale will be completed without reference to any such claims, and all such claims, if any, will be considered as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY.

Land of the Quit and Ground Rent tenure, situate at Cawasji Patel Tank Road in Bombay and admeasuring about 239 square yards and bearing Collector's Old No. 2512, New Nos. 9535, and 9541, New Survey Nos. 5197 and 5198, and Cadastral Survey No. 3101 of the Bhuleshwar Division together with the building standing thereon and bearing C Ward No. 6477-78, Old Street Nos. 22, 24, 26 and 28 and New Street Nos. 2-4-6 and 106 to 110 and bounded, on the East by the property of Tulsidas Narrotumdas, on the West by the Khetwadi Main Road, on the North by the property of Dhayashanker Khandwalla and on the South by Cowasji Patel Tank Road.

Dated this 30th day of March, 1940.

ARDESHIR HORMUSJI
DINSHAW & CO.,
Purchasers' Attorneys.
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Auction Sales

The sale of Porbunderwala's property at Hill Road, Bandra will take place TO-MORROW SUNDAY, the 31st March, 1940 at 4-30 p.m. at the premises of the property as previously advertised.

SORABJI COWASJI & CO.

BENNETT & CO.

AUCTION SALE OF 44 BALES C. P. NO. 2 COTTON.

Messrs. BENNETT & CO., will sell by Public Auction on MONDAY the 1st April 1940 at 2-15 p.m. (S. T.), at Sewree close to Cotton Exchange by order of the Insurance Company concerned.

44 Bales C. P. No. 2 (damaged by fire and water.)

AUCTION SALE OF 16 BALES KHANDWA AND 2 BALES KHAMGAON COTTON.

Messrs. BENNETT & CO., will sell by Public Auction on MONDAY, the 1st April, 1940, at 2-15 p.m (S. T.), at Sewree close to Cotton Exchange by order of the Insurance Company concerned.

16 Bales Khandwa, 2 Bales Khamgaon Cotton (damaged by fire and water.)

AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE PROPERTY IN HUZURIA STREET NEAR TWO TANKS.

Under instructions from Messrs. Khandwala and Chotalal attorneys for the Mortgagees Messrs. Hinduji Pragji & Co., and on account and at the risk of Mohidin Husseini Fakira and others the Mortgagors, Messrs. BENNETT & CO., will on TUESDAY, the 2nd April, 1940, at 4-30 p.m. (S. T.), sell by Public Auction on the premises, the following:—

All that piece of quit and ground rent tenure land with building thereon admeasuring about 114 sq. yds. and situate in Huzuria Street bearing Cadastral Survey No. 1169 Byculla division, and Municipality Street No. 112-112A.

For particulars and conditions of sale apply to the undersigned.

BENNETT & CO.,

BANKER & CO.

AUCTION SALE TO-DAY (SATURDAY) at 11-30 a.m. to 4 p.m. (S. T.) at 57, Medows Street, Fort, of complete Household furniture, Gramophone, Singer Machine, Godrej Steel Cabinet, Godrej and Other safes, Cottage Piano, Remington Portable Typewriter, Chesterfield sets, Chandeliers, Wardrobes, Remington Typewriter, Drawing room cabinets, Persian Hall Carpets, Wrist watches, etc.

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ON THE AIR

SATURDAY, MARCH 30.

Bombay I & II Programmes

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)
31.4 metres (9,550 kc/s)

8 a.m. Keep fit. 8-10 Indian music. 8-15 News in Marathi. 8-20 News in Gujarati. 8-25 to 8-40 As in Delhi 2. 8-40 News in Hindustani. 8-50 News in English. 9 to 10-30 As in Delhi 2. 11-30 to 12-57 p.m. As in Delhi 2. 12-57 News in Hindustani. 1 to 1-30 As in Delhi 2. 1-30 News in English. 1-35 to 2 As in Delhi 2.

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)
51.48 metres (4,880 kc/s)

5 to 5-25 p.m. As in Delhi 2. 5-25 News in Marathi. 5-30 News in Gujarati. 5-35 to 6 As in Delhi 2. 6 News in English. 6-6 News in Hindustani. 6-10 to 7-30 As in Delhi 2. 7-30 Commercial news. 7-45 Recorded music. 7-55 News in Marathi. 8-10 News in Gujarati. 8-25 to 9 As in Delhi 2. 9 News in Hindustani. 9-20 News in English. 9-30 B B C news relay. 9-45 to 10-30 As in Delhi 2. 10-30 News in English.

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Delhi I—Programme

338.6 metres (886 kc/s)

5 p.m. Delhi Radio Orchestra. 5-5 Anwarbai of Agra. 5-25 Saidullah. 5-35 A Sarangi recital. 5-50 Pianoforte solos. 6-10 Special announcements. 6-15 Afzal Husain. 6-30 Raftar-i-Zamana: Talk in Hindustani. 6-45 Rahimuddin Khan. 7 For Villagers only. 8 Umra Zia Begam. 8-15 Economic Review. By Bh N. Adarkar. 8-30 Cupid Abroad. 10 Thumri, Ghazal aur Geet. 10-35 Persian music. 10-55 Persian music. 11-3 Persian music.

Delhi II—Programme

60.48 metres (4,960 kc/s)

5 to 7 p.m. As in Delhi 1. 7 From Dadra to Dhrupad. 8 to 10-30 As in Delhi 1.

51.3 metres (9,590 kc/s)

5-50 to 7 p.m. As in Delhi 1. 8-25 Indian music. 9 to 10-30 As in Delhi 1

Lahore Programme

276 metres (1,086 kc/s).

6-10 p.m. Ummeed Ali Khan. 6-25 Bai Saraswatibai. 6-45 For the countryside. 7-30 Adabi Beadabian. 6: Talk in Hindustani. 7-45 Ummeed Ali Khan. 8 Naseem Begam. 8-15 Economic Review: Talk by B. N. Adarkar relayed from Delhi. 8-30 Kareeme Di Man: Play in Punjabi. 8-55 Ummeed Ali Khan or an explanatory talk. 9-50 Bai Saraswatibai. 10-5 Songs of different nations. Talk illustrated with music.

Dacca—Programme

257.1 metres (1,167 kc/s)

5 p.m. A Sarod recital by an A I R artist. 5-10 Dipali Gupta. 5-25 Nutu Mukerjee. 6-50 Dipti Bose. 6-5 Tuyland or Khelaghar: Programme for children. 7 Jayanta Das Gupta. 7-15 Nutu Mukerjee. 7-30 Kalyani Das. 7-45 In Lighter Vein: Bengali recitation. 8 Coming week's programmes. 8-5 Kalyani Das. 8-15 Jayanti Das Gupta. 8-30 Waliullah Khan Sitar. 9-5 S. S. S. Instrumental Interlude. 9-45 Panchhanda Moto. 10 Prafulla Mitter. 10-15 Waliullah Khan: Sitar.
(Add 24 minutes for Calcutta time)

Calcutta I—Programme

370.4 metres (810 kc/s)

5 p.m. For the countryside. 5-50 Jharna Dey: Kirtan. 5-5 Hastan Gama. 6-25 Monorams. 6-45 Satya Chowdhuri. 7 India in Sports. 5: Hockey: Talk in Bengali. 7-15 Chirantan: Musical sketch. 8 Just a surprise. 8-15 Sudhir Lal Chakravarti. 8-45 Announcements in Bengali. 9 Gracia Dorack: Entertainer. 9-15 Announcements in English. 9-55 Dance music.

Calcutta II—Programme

51.98 metres (4,840 kc/s)

5 to 10-30 p.m. As in Calcutta 1.

Lucknow Programme

293.5 metres (1,022 kc/s)

5-30 p.m. C. M. Lahiri. 5-44 Pannabai of Muzaffarpore. 6-10 Thumri and geet. 6-30 Hamara Panchayetghar. 7 Saheli Boojh Jaheli: For Girls. 7-30 Recollection of the Llte in the Trenches in 1914: Talk in Hindustani. 7-45 Chehlum. 8-30 People in the news. 6: Talk by Desmond Young. 8-45 Saindharghi on Sarod by Bhola N. Bhattacharya. 8-50 Topic of the day or 'Yeh Khushi': Short feature based on records. 9-45 Recorded music. 9-50 C. M. Lahiri. 10-10 Pannabai of Muzaffarpore.

Madras—I Programme

211 metres (1,420 kc/s)

4 p.m. For women (English). 4-30 European music. 5 Instrumental music. 5-20 P. S. Veerusami Pillai: Nagaswaram. 6-5 Shrimati B. N. Rajalakshmi. 6-30 T. R. Balasubramaniam 7 I Want: Books that make me shudder: Talk in Telugu. 7-10 A I R Artist: Jalatarangam. 7-50 P. S. Veeruswami Pillai, Nagaswaram. 8-30 P. Malayappa Sastri. 9 New Tyrannies for Old: Talk by Capt. H. Shone.

Madras II—Programme

60.98 metres (4,920 kc/s)

4 to 6-5 p.m. As in Madras 1. 6-5 For rural areas. 6-30 to 9-30 As in Madras 1. 9-30 Alfred Campoli and his Salon Orchestra. 9-44 To-night at the Ballet. 10-10 The Madras Radio Choral Society: Selected programme.

Trichy Programme

396 metres (758 kc/s)

5 p.m. Instrumental overture. 5-15 News in Tamil. 5-20 Emani Sankara Sastri: Veena. 5-5 For the villages. 6-30 K. A. Srinivasan. 7 Ulagappokku: Weekly review of world events by A. N. Sivaraman. 7-15 Learn to Sing. 7-30 Announcements. 7-50 Erode N. R. Viswanatha Iyer: Violin. 8 30 Borrowed Jewel: Playlet by A. Srinivasan. 8-45 K. A. Srinivasan. 9-45 Erode N. A. Viswanatha Iyer: Violin.

Java Programme

(20, 25, 27, 29 and 31 metres)

3 p.m. Tea concert. 4 Chamber music. 6 Nirom orchestra. 7 Dutch cabaret. 7-40 Carl Woltschach plays. 8-10 Diverse Ensembles. 8-45 Hawaiian syncopaters.

RAILWAY TIME TABLE

G. I. P. Railway

	Arr. H.M.	Dep. H.M.
Calcutta Mail (Chheokl)	9-40	20-10
Madras Mail	6-00	22-10
Peshawar-Lucknow (Express)	6-15	22-30
Calcutta Mail	9-10	17-40
Madras Express	10-15	14-25
Poona Mail	10-30	17-30
Punjab Mail	12-35	17-20
Nagpur Express	15-00	20-55
Poona Fast Passenger	15-50	11-50
Poona Express	19-32	8-05
Allahabad Express	21-00	6-15

B. B. and C. I. Railway

	Arr. H.M.	Dep. H.M.
Ahmedabad Passenger	5-35	13-50
Delhi Express	6-00	22-15
Kathiawar Mail	6-45	21-30
Gujarat Mail	7-25	22-00
Frontier Mail	8-15 (Mon.)	21-15 (Sat.)
The Flying Ranee, Surat	*9-48	15-10 (Sun.)
The Flying Ranee Surat		15-10
The Flying Ranee, Surat (Except (Monday)	10-58	
The Flying Ranee, Surat (Except Saturday and Sunday)		18-05
Ahmedabad Passenger	14-15	22-30
Kathiwar Express	18-45	8-45
Baroda Passenger	20-37	9-25

*If Monday is a Bank Holiday this train will run on Tuesday.

Arrivals at Ballard Pier

Frontier Mail (on Saturday only) for London 8-46

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Restricted Turnover On N. Y. Cotton Exchange

ERRATIC TENDENCY OF STERLING AND WASHINGTON UNCERTAINTIES

Trade Buying And Short Covering

Bombay, March 29

On Thursday outside interest in the New York cotton market was restricted by the erratic tendency of sterling cross rate and European and Washington uncertainties, while Chicago grains after being firm on broader exports of North American grains and pessimistic crop accounts with no important moisture in the South-west reacted on increased loan liquidation.

Uncertainty of European political developments and at Washington after return of Mr. Welles, there was less disposition to operate and professional operators were inclined to await fresh developments. This state resulted into narrow price movement.

Fears of American export subsidy and erratic movement in Sterling Exchange checked operations. It is believed that the Great Britain would curtail imports of American cotton and this would lead to shortage of tenderable cotton in Liverpool. Moreover Manchester trade shows signs of revival and increased demand for cotton is likely to harden prices.

NEW YORK COTTON

The New York cotton futures market opened irregular. After early hesitation with foreign selling offsetting the firmness of Liverpool prices advanced on trade buying, covering and light offerings but reacted partially on moderate Bombay selling and liquidation of May induced by inactivity of Spot met renewed trade support. The market closed steady.

At the opening May was quoted unchanged at 10.48 which was the lowest level. Later on there was some covering and prices advanced to 10.57 which was the highest level. Towards the close there was a small reaction and the market closed at a net rise of 5 to 6 points. Spot cotton prices gained 6 points at 10.79c. per lb.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

The New Orleans cotton futures market was fairly steady with a slightly improved buying. The market closed at a rise of 5 to 8 points. Spot cotton prices gained 8 points at 10.34c. per lb.

LIVERPOOL MARKET

The Liverpool cotton market opened at a rise of 24 points with May 7.82. There was general buying on restriction of American cotton imports and weakness of free sterling. Contracts were scarce. Prices reacted on local realising and on easier Bombay advices. Later on there was Bombay buying and trade calling meeting hedging Towards the close there was local support and the session closed at a net rise of 16 to 13 points. Middling American Spot cotton prices advanced 25 points at 7.84d. per lb.

EGYPTIAN COTTON

Egyptian cotton was steady. Uppers futures closed 4 points up and Giza futures closed unchanged to 14 points higher. The Alexandria cotton market was steady. Sakels futures closed 2 to 6 points down but Ashmouni futures improved 13 to 15 points.

PRIVATE CABLES—
New York May highest (2-37 p.m.) ..... 10.57+09
New York May lowest (10 a.m.) 10.48
Liverpool May highest ..... 7.83+25
Liverpool May lowest ..... 7.68+16

Messrs. Chunilal Mehta and Co Ltd. have received to-day the following cable information from their foreign friends:

New York: Market firm on trade price fixing.

NEW YORK COTTON
(New Contracts)

New York, March 28

May	10.57+05
July	10.47+05
October	9.84+05
December	9.70+05
March	9.55+05

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, March 28

May	10.54+06
July	10.34+05
October	9.84+05
December	9.70+05
Middling Spot	10.79+06

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

New York, March 28

May	10.63+08
July	10.44+06
October	9.89+05
Middling Spot	10.34+08

NEW YORK

New York, March 28
11 a.m. rates Noon call

May	10.51	10.50
July	10.33	10.34

NEW YORK COTTON DAILY STATISTICS

New York, March 28

	Bales.
Day's receipts at all U S Ports	7,000
Day's exports to Great Britain	14,000
Day's export to the Continent	4,000
Day's export to China and Japan	nil

LIVERPOOL COTTON

Liverpool, March 28

March	7.68+15
April	7.72+17
May	7.74+16
June	7.73+15
July	7.73+14
August	7.63+12
September	7.55+13
October	7.47+13
November	7.41+13
December	7.39+13
January	7.35+12
February	7.32+11
March	7.30+11
Middling Spot	7.84+25

10-45 a.m. quotations

May	7.80
October	7.52

GOLD AND SILVER

Bombay, March 29

Yesterday London gold was unchanged at £8-8-0. London Paris Exchange rate was also unchanged at 176 1/2 to 176 3/4. Dollar Sterling cross rate was quoted 4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2 at London and at 3.59 1/4 at New York.

London silver prices improved 3/16d. for Spot at 20 7/16d and forward quotation was raised also 3/16d. at 20 1/2d. There was general buying and offerings were small. Later on there were small buyers at fixed rates.

New York Spot silver was unchanged at 34 3/4 cents per ounce and Shanghai T T on London was quoted 4d. Bombay London Spot silver parity was Rs. 54-12-0 and forward parity was Rs. 54-14-5. Sovereigns were quoted at Rs. 27-8-0. The local market was quietly steady with a scattered business.

Quotations were as under:—

GOLD

Ready	Rs.	42 8 0
Chaitra		42 10 0

SILVER

Ready		57 6 0
Pagan		57 6 0
Chaitra		57 10 0

LONDON SILVER

London, March 28

Spot	20 7/16
Forward	20 1/2

LONDON GOLD

London, March 28

Gold Bars Fine per oz	£8-8-8

LONDON EXCHANGES

London, March 28

T T London on:—	
New York	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/8
Paris	176 1/2 to 176 3/4
Madrid	37.00
Montreal	4.43/4.47
Amsterdam	7.53/7.58
Brussels	23.55/23.70
Milan	68.00
Berne	17.85/17.95
Copenhagen	17.81
Stockholm	16.85/16.95
Oslo	17.65/17.75

PRECIOUS METALS

Bombay, March 28

The following are the weekly qotations for the Precious Metals:

Platinum 100 per cent Rs. 70 per tola Elephant Brand
Platinum 97 per cent Rs. 69 per tola Elephant Brand
Platinum 25 per cent Rs. 20 per tola Anchor Brand
Palladium 100 per cent Rs. 55 per tola
Iridium 100 per cent Rs. 110 per tola
Osmium 100 per cent Rs. 90 per tola
Ruthenium 100 per cent Rs. 80 per tola
Rhodium 100 per cent Rs. 220 per tola

READY COTTON QUOTATIONS

Bombay, March 29

Bengal Fine	195-96
Bengal F. G.	190-92
C. P. 1	236-38
C. P. 2	225-27
Berar	220-22
Khandesh	215-18
Jalna Sailu	215-18
Ahmednagar	215-18
Broach	240-45
Punjab 4 F	255-63
Punjab 289 F	293-98
Sindh N T	278-83

COTTON ROOM RATES

Bombay, March 29

	Extra Sprine	Sup	Fine	FG	Good
M G:—					
Bengal U P	194	192	189	186	
Punjab	194	192	189	186	
Rajputana	202	200	197	194	
Oomra No. 3	228	236	223	220	
C. P. No. 1	242	240	237	234	
C. P. No. 2	232	230	227	224	
Broach No. 2		248	246	243	240
Punjab-Ame		270	268	265	262
Surat		284	282	279	276
Rajpipla		279	277	274	271
Navsari		293	291	288	285

BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay March 29

Following a rise of 6 points in New York cotton futures, the local market was expected to open at Rs. 258/8 for Broach J/A delivery but the market opened quiet at Rs. 255/4 and improved to Rs. 256/4 on scattered buying. At this level the demand was satisfied and there being no further support priced declined to Rs. 254/8 on general long liquidation. The market is fearing heavy tenders and arrivals are fairly large.

In response to weakness in Bombay, the Liverpool market opened at a decline of 13 points and later was quoted 11 points down. The local market ruled quiet and Broach J/A was quoted at Rs. 254/8. Later on Liverpool was 7 points down but the local market was easy at Rs. 253/12. The market finally closed at 5 p.m. as under:—

F G M G Broach:—			
April/May	Rs.	243	0 0
July/August		253	12 0
Fine M G Oomra:—			
May		233	0 0
July		228	0 0
F G M G Bengal:—			
May		187	4 0
July		189	0 0

Trading In 1940-41 Cotton Crop

TRADING IN 1940-41 INDIAN COTTON CROP WILL COMMENCE FROM MONDAY THE 1ST APRIL.

ALEXANDRIA COTTON

Alexandria, March 28

SAKELS:—	
May	19.19—02
July	19.51—06
ASHMOUNI:—	
April	17.85+13
June	18.16+15
GIZA:—	
May	18.51+14
July	18.91+11

EGYPTIAN COTTON

Liverpool, March 28

UPPERS:—	
Spot	10.45+09
March	10.17+04
May	10.20+04
July	10.28+04
October	10.09+04
December	10.09+04
January	10.07+04
GIZA 2:—	
Spot	10.64+18
March	10.33+14
May	10.37+05
July	10.51+05
October	10.59+03
November	10.60—00
January	10.65—00

HIGH AND LOW COTTON PRICES

Bombay, March 28

Broach A/M highest 248 1/2 lowest 245 1/2 closing 248
Broach J/A highest 261 1/4 lowest 257 closing 259 3/4
Oomra May highest 227 1/2 lowest 224 1/2 closing 226 3/4
Oomra July highest 232 1/2 lowest 229 1/2 closing 232 1/4
Bengal May highest 193 lowest 189 closing 192
Bengal July highest 194 1/2 lowest 190 1/2 closing 193 1/2

Night session: Broach July/August opening Rs. 260, highest Rs. 260, lowest Rs. 257 1/4, closing Rs. 257 3/4
Broach April/May closing Rs. 246

LONDON RUBBER

London, March 28

Smoked sheets standard ribbed per lb sellers	11 1/4

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES

Bombay, March 29.

2 3/4 per cent 1948/52 97-6
3 per cent 1941 Bonds 101-11
3 per cent 1951/54 Bonds 98-7
3 1/2 per cent G. P. Notes 94-10
3 1/2 per cent 1947/50 Loan 104
5 per cent 1950/70 Loan 98-8
4 per cent 1943 Bonds 106
4 1/2 per cent 1955/60 Loan 114-10
5 per cent 1940/43 Bond 101/10
4 1/2 per cent 1955/60 Loan 93-14

TAX-FREE LOANS

5 per cent 1945/55 Loan 111-14
4 per cent 1953/65 Mysore 110-8
5 per cent 1955 Mysore 120-8

CORPORATION DEBENTURES

4 per cent B. P. I. 1947 106
4 per cent M. Deb. 1947 105-8
5 per cent M. Deb. 1959 114/12
6 per cent M. Deb. 1954 121/12
6 per cent K. P. T. 1956 120/12

Tone:—Steady.

MONEY MARKET

Bombay, March 29

B. C. RATES —
T T D D 1/5 15/16 to 29th September
LONDON:—
Bank's selling T T D D 1/5 31/32 to 29th September
Bank's buying T T 1/6 1/32 to 29th Sept
Bank's buying D D 1/6 3/32 one month
Bank's buying 3 months 1/6 7/32 One month.
Bank's buying 3 months 1/6 1/4 Two months.
NEW YORK:—
Bank's selling T T 333
Bank's buying T T 329
Bank's buying D D 328
PARIS:—
Bank's selling T T 1300
Bank's buying T T 1340
JAPAN:—
Bank's selling T T 87 3/4
Bank's buying T T 86 3/4
Bank's selling 60 days 85 3/4
AMSTERDAM:—
Bank's selling D D 55 1/8
JAVA:—
Bank's selling D D 54 5/8
HONGKONG:—
Bank's selling D D 83 5/8
SHANGHAI:—
Bank's selling D D 24
SINGAPORE:—
Bank's selling D D 157 3/4
CROSS RATE:—
Hongkong London 1/2 29/32 29th inst.
Shanghai London 0/4 1/4 29th inst.
Java London 7.47/55 29th inst.
New York London 3.60 28th inst.
London New York 4.02 1/2—3 1/2 28th inst.
London Paris 176 1/2—3/4 28th inst.
London Italy 68.00 28th inst.
London Belgium 23.55/70 28th inst.
London Switzerland 17.85/95 28th inst.
London Stockholm 16.85/95 28th inst.
London Amsterdam 7.53/58 28th inst.
London Japan 1/3 23/32 28th inst.
Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Dull
Gold £8-8-0 27th inst.
Gold £8-8-0 28th inst.
Silver London Ready 20 1/4 27th inst.
Silver London Ready 20 7/16 28th inst.
Silver London Forward 20 5/16 27th inst.
Silver London Forward 20 1/2 28th inst.
Silver New York Ready 34 3/4 27th inst.
Silver New York Ready 34 3/4 28th inst.
London discounts 3 months 1 1/16 per cent 27th inst.
London discounts 3 months 1 1/16 per cent 28th inst.
London discounts 6 months 1 1/4 per cent 27th inst.
London discounts 6 months 1 1/4 per cent 28th inst.
Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent.
Bank of England Rate 2 per cent.
Money:—Call 1 1/4 per cent.
3 months 2 per cent.
6 months 1 3/4 per cent.
Tone:—Steady.

INDIAN STERLING LOANS

London, March 28

Closing quotations:—

3 per cent	82 1/4
3 1/2 per cent	95 1/4
3 1/2 per cent 1954/59	103
4 per cent 1948/53	108
4 1/2 per cent 1950/55	112 1/2
4 1/2 per cent 1958/68	115
5 per cent 1942/47	107 1/4
3 per cent 1949/52	99
2 1/2 per cent British Consols	72 1/8
3 1/2 per cent War Loans	98 1/2
4 per cent Funding Loan 1960/90	109 5/8
Indian Iron and Steel New Ordinary	53/9

SUGAR MARKET

Bombay, March 29

Fine White Java sugar per cwt:
Ready (small grain) Rs. 18-2-0
Ready (large grain) Rs. 18-4 0
Shipment Februsry Rs. 8-4-0 F B H
Shipment March Rs. 8-4-0 F B H
Shipment September Rs. 8-1-0 F B H
Indian sugars ready:
Ready (ordinary) Rs. 17-6-0 to 17-12-0
Ready (large grain) Rs. 17-12-0 to 18-3-0
Tone: Quiet.

BANK OF ENGLAND WEEKLY RETURNS

London, March 28

	This week
Total bullion	£ 1,300,000
Public deposits	43,100,000
(a) Other deposits	140,200,000
Government securities	134,200,000
(b) Other securities	29,100,000
Notes and coin	38,200,000
Notes in circulation	543,100,000
Ratio of reserve to liabilities	20.83
(a) Other deposits include bankers	98,000,000
(b) Other securities include discount	6,100,000
Total deposits	183,300,000
Total securities	163,300,000

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, March 28

Rupee paper 3 1/2 per cent	£69 1/2
Indian stock 3 per cent 1948	£82 1/4
Indian stock 3 1/2 per cent 1931 or later	£95 1/4
Indian stock 4 1/2 per cent 1950/55	£112 1/2
Consols 2 1/2 per cent	£72 1/8
Conversion loan 3 1/2 per cent 1961	£97 1/2
War loan 3 1/2 per cent	£98 1/2
Funding loan 4 per cent 1960/90	£109 5/8
Victory bonds	£108 5/8
Chartered Bank of I A and China	£9 1/4
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank	
London Reg	£93 1/2
National Bank of India	£30

LONDON SEEDS

London, March 28

Barletta Russo March quoted	2s/9
South Australian shipment f o b parcels March quoted	2s/8

Long Liquidation In Share Bazar

TATA STEEL SHARES EASE OFF

Textile Issues Dull

Bombay, March 29

The local share bazar ruled quiet to-day with increased selling by recent buyers under the influence of rally in sterling cross rate and weakness in cotton market. The support was withdrawn and the market assumed sagging tendencies.

Trading was of a routine nature and in the absence of outside business the market was dull and with a depressed tone.

Foreign cables were not encouraging. A brisk rally in free sterling was a sustaining influence on the Wall Street market which despite persistent profit-taking showed a predominance of fractional gains, the session closed irregular. Sentiment was more cheerful but buyers were more cautious owing to cloudy business and political situations, while with the return of Mr. Sumner Welles many are looking for early President Roosevelt third term announcement. U. S. Steel shares closed 3/4 down at 57. Anaconda Copper Mining shares were unchanged at 28 7/8 and General Motors lost 3/8 at 54 1/8 dollars.

It being the last day of the settlement business was restricted and prices gradually sagged under tired long liquidation. There was utter absence of any support and although the setback was not impressive, the market lacked enthusiasm.

Bombay Dyeing shares opened at Rs. 967 and after fluctuating between Rs. 972 and Rs. 965 and closed at Rs. 970. Central India Mill shares opened at Rs. 296 and declined to Rs. 287. Kohinoors changed hands at Rs. 361. Associated Cement shares closed at Rs. 121/12.

Tata Steel Defds opened at Rs. 2080 and advanced to Rs. 2085. At this level there was some selling and prices declined to Rs. 2067 and finally closed at Rs. 2075. Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 358 and after declining to Rs. 285 improved to Rs. 287/8. Bellapurs closed at Rs. 215/8 and Bombay Burmas at Rs. 622.

TEXTILE SHARES

Bombay, March 29.

100	Ahmedabad Advance	...	305 0
250	BOMBAY DYEING	.....	970 0
100	CENTUTRY	...	237 0
100	CENTRAL INDIA	.....	283 0
100	COLABA	.....	154 8
100	Coorla	.....	120 0
250	David	.....	40 0
250	Dawn	.....	390 0
1	E. D. Sassoon Def.	.....	0 7 6
100	FINLAY	.....	163 0
100	GOKAK	...	195 0
1000	Hindustan	.....	1800 0
100	Indore	...	38 4
100	Khatau	...	113 2
100	KOHINOOR	.....	361 0
250	Laxmi	.....	525 0
250	Madras United	...	2 0
100	MORARJI	.....	188 0
250	Model	.....	70 8
50	MYSORE	.....	105 0
200	NEW GREAT	.....	345 0
100	Oosmanshahi	.....	55 0
100	Phoenix	.....	280 0
25	SASSOON SILK	.....	78 0
1000	Sholapur	.....	3600 0
50	SIMPLEX	...	109 0
100	SWADESHI	.....	254 0
100	SWAN	.....	150 0
500	Vishnu	...	1300 0
1000	Western	.....	900 0

BANKS

50-100	Baroda	.....	99 12
25-50	Central	.....	37 6
500	Imperial	.....	1515 0
125-500	Imp. Conty.	.....	369 6
50-100	India	...	138 0
100	Reserve Bank	...	106 4
5	Union	...	5-12-6

CEMENTS

100	ASSOCIATED	.....	121 12

INSURANCE

100	Empire	...	640 0
15-100	Jupiter	.....	10 6
20	Mercantile	...	50 8
15-75	New India	.....	38 6
200	Oriental	.....	4350 0
10-50	Vulvan	.....	7 4

ELECTRIC

100	Ahmed. Old	...	151 14
1000	ANDHRA VALLEY	...	1535 0
10	Ajmer	.....	10 9
50	BOMBAY TRAM	...	132 0
100	Bombay Suburban	...	163 2
10	Broach	.....	11 4
100	Karachi	.....	190 0
100	Poona	.....	185 0
100	Surat	.....	162 8
100	TATA HYDRO	...	159 0
1000	TATA POWERS XD	...	1341 4

RAILWAYS

500	Ahmedabad Prantij	.....	962 8
100	C. Province	...	99 0
100	Dh. Baramati	.....	98 0
100	Gujarat	.....	95 8
100	Mandra Bhon	.....	94 0
100	Pachora Jamner	.....	72 0
100	Sara Serajganj	.....	98 4
500	Tapti Valley XD	...	746 4

MININGS

9	Burma Corporation	.....	6 6
2sh.	Indian Copper	.....	2 5
10	Indian Iron and Steel	.....	35 14
10	SHIVRAJPUR	.....	38 12
30	TATA STEEL DEs.	...	2075 0
75	TATA STEEL ORD.	.....	387 8

MISCELLANEOUS

100	ALCOCK	.....	472 8
10	Air Services	.....	5 4
50	BELAPUR SUGAR	.....	215 8
200	Bombay Safe Dep.	.....	621 4
250	BOMBAY STEAM	.....	288 0
125	B. BURMA	.....	622 8
50	B. BURMA CONT.	.....	200 10
8sh.	Br. B. Petrol	.....	4 10 6
50	BOMBAY TELEPHONE XD		90 4
100	IND. BLEACHING	.....	1.5 0
50	Ind. Invest Trust	.....	47 0
100	Ind. Radio Def.	.....	457 0
100	Indian Radio Ord.	.....	465 0
100	Port Canning	.....	75 4
30	PREMIER CON.	...	85 0
15	Scindia	...	19 15
25	Tata Oil Mill	...	50 0
100	Western I. Match	.....	137 8

PREFERENCE

7	p.c. Andhra Valley	.....	1400 0
6	p.c. Bombay	.....	60 12
7	p.c. Bombay Tram (T.F.)	...	75 0
5	p.c. Central India (T.F.)	...	567 8
6	1/4 p.c. Prem. Const. 1st XD	...	105 0
6	1/4 p.c. Prem. Const. 2nd XD		100 8
7	p.c. Tata Hydro	.....	142 8
7	1/2 p.c. Tata Power	...	1471 4
6	p.c. Tata Steel 1st Pref.	...	205 0
7	1/2 p.c. Tata Steel 2nd	.....	143 4
7	p.c. Vishnu	.....	680 0

DEBENTURES

3	3/4 p.c. Andhra Valley	.....	100 0
6	p.c. Andhra Valley	...	103 10
4	p.c. Bombay Telephone	...	50 4
7	p.c. Sholapur	.....	75 0
6	p.c. Tata Hydro	.....	103 8

(Capital letters indicate shares on forward list.)

ACTIVE SHARES AT A GLANCE.

Bombay, March 29

Bombay Dyeing (975) 967 972 965 970
Century (291) 286 287 282 287
Central India (293) 285 286 283
Kohinoor (364) 361 357 361
New Great (352) 348 351 345
Simplex (109/8) 109 108 109
Swadeshi (260) 258 257 254
Associated Cement (123) 122 121/8 121/12
Andhra (1510) 1535
Tram Ord (132) 132
Tata Hydro (159) 159
Tata Power (1347/8) 1347 1342 1341
T Steel Defd (2110) 2080 2085 2077 2085 2065 2070 2067 2080 2075
T Steel Ord (392) 388 389 385 387/8
Tata Steel 2nd Pref (143/12) 143/12 143/4
Bellapur (218) 216 215/8
B Steam (293) 288
B Burma (633/12) 626 622 626 621 622

Should Liverpool to-day open at unchanged rates the straddle difference between Liverpool May and Broach April/May will be Rs. 83 1/4 or 190 Liverpool points.

During most of the time under review cotton markets have been sluggish and trading has been on a small scale. Talk of another Peace Offensive tended to weaken the New York market but as prices declined selling dried up as fresh supplies from the Loan became unavailable. The final Ginning Report was issued on the 20th inst. when it was announced that the total Ginnings for the present season amounted to 11,477,000 bales. It is interesting to note that for the first 7 3/4 months of this season, that is up till 25th March the quantity of cotton delivered to Mills in America totalled 6,209,000 bales, whilst exports up till the same date amounted to 5,307,000 bales, making a total of 11,516,000 bales, or more than what has been ginned this season. This means that we are already eating into reserves. This factor should keep old crop contracts in New York steady during the latter part of the season. On several days the Liverpool market has acted very nervously on reports that next season we shall have another Export Subsidy, probably of as much

Auction Sales

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BONAFIDE SALE

AUCTION SALE OF HOUSEHOLD, MODERN FURNITURE.

Messrs. GANDHI & CO., Auctioneers will, under instructions from The Administrator General of Bombay and the administrator of the estate and effects of Mrs. L. M Tyler, deceased, sell by Public Auction on MONDAY, the 1st April, 1940, at 2-30 P.M. (S.T.) at their Auction Rooms No. 72, Medows Street, Fort:—

Estate of Mrs. L. M. Tyler, including Double Door Almyrahs, Dressing Tables, Chesterfield, Suits, Dining Tables, Cane Chairs, Meat Safe, Wooden Stands, Teapoys, Dressing Chest of Drawers, Wall Clock etc.

By order of the office concerned 1 Gross, Parker Type Japanese Fountain Pen and 17 Pencil Sharpeners.

Terms:—Cash.

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AND ALSO AT 3 P.M. (S.T.) ON SITE Deceased's Jewelleries, such as Diamond Rings, 2 packets of diamonds, gold watch, chain, bracelet set with opals, gold coins and other jewelleries, etc.,

Furniture is on view.

Jewellery is on view at Auctioneers' rooms, but will be sold on SITE at Colaba.

Delivery of Furniture etc., will be made on Monday, 1st April, 1940.

AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE PROPERTY KNOWN AS "ISMAIL BUILDING", SITUATE AT THE JUNCTION OF MUSJID SIDING ROAD AND CLIVE SIXTH CROSS LANE.

By order of Messrs. Mowdavala & Co., Attorneys for the Mortgagees, and on account and at the risk of the Mortgagor. BAI FATMABAI, WIDOW OF HAJI DAWOOD ESMAIL, Messrs. CRAWFORD & CO., Auctioneers will sell by Public Auction on MONDAY, 8th April, 1940 at 4-30 P.M. (S.T.) the undermentioned property on the premises.

PARTICULARS OF THE PROPERTY.

FIRSTLY.—All that piece of Port Trust leasehold land situated on the Elphinstone Estate admeasuring 359 1/9 Sq Yds. and bounded on the North by Clive Sixth Cross Lane, on the South by Port Trust Land leased to Messrs. Damji Vasanji & Co., on the East by Musjid Siding Road, and on the West by G. I. P. Rly., boundary wall.

SECONDLY:—All that piece of Port Trust leasehold vacant land situated between the land, firstly described and the G. I. P. Rly boundary Wall, admeasuring 19 4/9 Sq. Yds. and bearing Cadastral Survey No. 163 (Princess Dock Division) TOGETHER with the building and structures standing on the premises firstly and secondly described and known as "Ismail Building".

For further particulars and conditions of Sale, apply to Messrs. Mowdavala & Co., Attorneys for the mortgagees, Lentin Chambers, Dalal Street, Fort, Bombay or to the undersigned.

CRAWFORD & CO.

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AUCTION SALE OF FURNITURE of W. Gordon Esquire and others TO-MORROW (SUNDAY) at 10-30 a.m. (S.T.) at Bachubai Building, Hornby Road, Opp. Kitab Mahal, Fort, of complete Bungalow furniture, Cottage Piano, Godrej Steel Cabinet, Safe, Singer Machine Remington Portable Typewriter. H. M. V. Gramophone, Chesterfield sets, Remington Typewriter, Harmoniums, A. C. Kelvinator, Wardrobes, Dining table and Chairs, etc.

MENESSE & CO.

AUCTION SALE OF 100 BALES KARANJA (BERAR) COTTON.

Messrs. MENESSE & CO. will sell by Public Auction on WEDNESDAY, the 3rd April 1940, at 2-15 p.m. (S. T.) at the Cotton Depot, Sewree, near the Cotton Exchange room, by order of the Insurance Offices concerned the above mentioned damaged Cotton.

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Latest Commercial News

NEW YORK COTTON UNCHANGED

Gilt-Edged Securities In Fair Request

LOWER TREND IN LOCAL COMMODITIES

BOMBAY: MARCH 29.

THE NEW YORK COTTON MARKET WAS ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY LOWER OVERSEAS CABLES, BUT LATER PRICES STEADILY RALLIED ON GOOD LOCAL AND FOREIGN SUPPORT.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE WAS QUIETLY STEADY. GILT-EDGED SECURITIES WERE IN FAIR REQUEST.

GROUNDNUTS EASED UNDER CONSIDERABLE LIQUIDATION AND REALISING. PRICES RECORDED FURTHER DECLINES ON RENEWED PRESSURE.

COTTON:

LATEST NEW YORK COTTON PRICES

MAY 1940

New York: March 29.

Previous closing	10.54
To-day's opening	10.50
Difference	—4
To-day's closing	10.54
Difference	Nil.

BROACH EXPECTATION

Broach April/May	Rs. 245/0
Broach July/August	Rs. 256/8

LIVERPOOL COTTON

MAY 1940

Liverpool: March 29.

Previous closing	7.74
To-day's opening	7.61
Difference	—13
To-day's closing	7.73
Difference	—1

N. Y. COTTON MARKET

New York: March 29.

The trading in May began at 10.50, i.e. 4 points lower than the last closing. Prices eased under lower Liverpool and Bombay cables but thereafter the market recovered gradually under fairly good trade and local buying with some outside purchases May rising to 10.53.

BOMBAY COTTON
Night Session.

Bombay: March 29.

Broach July/August opened to-night at Rs. 254/8. The rate improved and was finally quoted at Rs. 256/12. Broach April/May closed at Rs. 245.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York: March 29.

Following were the opening ranges on New York Cotton Exchange:—

May (10.48/48) 10.51/50
July (10.28/28) 10.30/30

Liverpool Cotton

Liverpool: March 29.

American May (7.69) 7.66
American July (7.74) 7.57
Giza May (10.38) 10.27
Giza July (10.39) 10.40

LONDON COMMODITIES

London: March 29.

SEEDS.

Castorseeds March April (£20 quoted) £20 quoted
Linseed Bombay/Calcutta March April (£18 1/8 quoted) £18 quoted
Linseed La Plata March April (£16 1/16 quoted) £16 quoted
Groundnuts Coromandal March April (£15 3/8 quoted) £15 3/8 quoted

JUTES.

Dundee March (£49) £49
Lightning March (£44) £44

RUBBER.

Spot (11 3/16d paid and value) 11 3/16d paid and buyers
Forward May (11 1/4d paid and value) 11-1/4d paid and buyers

METALS.

Tin (£247 3/4 buyers; £248 sellers. Firmer) £248 1/4 buyers; £248 1/2 sellers. Irregular
Electrolytic Copper (£62) £62
Lead Foreign Cash (£25) £25
Glasgow Iron No. 0 (111 sh.) 111 sh.

EXCHANGES:

CROSS RATES

T. T. NEW YORK ON LONDON

New York: March 29.

Previous closing	3.59 1/4
To-day's opening	3.57

T. T. LONDON ON NEW YORK

London: March 29.

Previous closing	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2
To-day's opening	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2
To-day's closing	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2

T. T. LONDON ON PARIS

London: March 29.

Previous closing	1.76 1/2 to 1.76 3/4
To-day's opening	1.76 1/2 to 1.76 3/4
To-day's closing	1.76 1/2 to 1.76 3/4

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

New York: March 29.

The following are the opening quotations:—

General Motors (dol 54 5/8) dol 54
Anaconda Copper Mining (dol 28 3/4) dol 28 7/8
U S Steel Common (dol 57 5/8) dol 56 3/4
U S Steel Preference (dol 118 3/4) dol 118 1/4

LONDON SILVER CABLE

London: March 29.

The following cable regarding London Silver Market was received here to-day:

Little general selling. India bought. Business small. Market steady.

LONDON SILVER

London: March 29.

Spot (20 7/16d) 20 7/16d
Forward (20 1/2d) 20 1/2d

LONDON GOLD

London: March 29.

Gold Bars Fine per ounce (£8-8-0) £8-8-0

LONDON EXCHANGES

London: March 29.

London Exchange opened with the sterling dollar at 4.02.50 to 4.03.50 which is officially fixed rate

Franc was officially fixed at 176.50 to 176.75

CROSS RATES

London on Bombay (1-6) 1-6
Paris on Bombay (13.24 5/8) 13.24 5/8
New York on Bombay (30.30) 30.36
London on Milan (68.00) 70.50
London on Shanghai (0-4 to 0-4 1/4) 0-4 to 0-4 1/4
London on Kobe (1-4 1/8 to 1-4 7/32) 1-3 5/8 to 1-3 23/32

DISCOUNTS

3 months (1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent) 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent
4 months (1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent) 1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent
6 months (1 1/8 to 1 1/4 per cent) 1 1/8 to 1 1/4 per cent

WHEAT AND SEEDS
Latest Night Quotations

Bombay: March 29.

Wheat May	3 13 3
Wheat September	3 15 9
Linseed May	6 13 9
Linseed September	7 4 3
Groundnuts May	37 12 0
Castorseeds May	46 2 0
Cottonseeds May	25 3 0

BOMBAY BULLION
Latest Night Quotations.

Bombay: March 29.

Silver Ready	57 2 0
Silver Chaitra	57 5 0
Silver Vaishakh	57 9 0
Gold Ready	42 8 0
Gold Chaitra	42 10 6
Gold Vaishakh	42 12 0
Sovereigns	27 8 0

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

Jutes And Speculators Quiet

CALCUTTA: March 29.

Jutes section practically ruled at yesterday's levels and business was nothing but very limited. Coals were dull. Teas were more or less neglected. In Miscellaneous speculative issues were a shade quieter market to-day. Other industrials remained more or less unaltered. Government securities were firm.

The following were the closing quotations:

Government securities: 2 3/4 per cent loan 1948/52 97/2; 3 per cent Government paper 80/12 small lot; 3 per cent loan 1951/54 58/12 small odd lot; 3 1/2 per cent Government paper 98/12; 3 1/2 per cent loan 1947/50 104/2; 4 per cent loan 1960/70 108/9 small lot; 3 per cent Punjab Bonds 1949 97/2; 3 per cent U P Bonds 1932 97/5.

Banks: Imperial Bank Conty 371 small lots; Reserve Bank 104.

Cottons: Cawnpore Textiles 6; Elgin Mills Pref 162; New Victoria ordy 1/6.

Coals: Burra Dhemo 4/12; Burrakur 13/11 Pref 142; Dhemo Main 16/1 c div; Equitable 36/14 c div; Hurriladih 13/14 c div; Jainty Central 2/3; New Beerbhoom 16/6.

Jutes: Baily 240/8; Budge Budge 345 small lot; Fort Gloster 539 small lots; Hukumchand 7/8; Howrah 54/4; India 348; Presidency 5/7; Waverley Pref 34/8.

Engineering Companies: Indian Iron and Steel 35/14; Marshalls 2/2 c t; Steel Corporation ord 19/13.

Miscellaneous: Mymensingh Bhairab Bazar Rly (Guar) 95 ex-div; Burma Corporation 6/6; Indian Copper 2/5; Rhodesia Copper 1/8; Bengal Potteries 7 small lot; Alkali and Chemical Pref 129; Muttra Electric 7 small odd lot; Mirzapur Electric 3/8; Hooghly Flour Mill 9/12; Ruby General Insurance 4/12; British India Corporation ord 4/12 c div; Dunlop Rubber ord 29/14 c div; Second Pref 115 c div; 1st Pref 143/8 c div; Indian Rubber Manufacturing 26/4; Indian Wood Products 25/6 ex-div; Macfarlane and Co ord 5/12; British Burma Petroleum 4/11; Sree Gopal Paper 6/4; Titaghur Paper 'A' and 'B' ordy 30/10; Assam Saws 3 ex-div; Calcutta Landing and Shipping 15/10.

Sugar Shares: Buland 15/12; Carew and Co ord 10/6; Raza 15/12.

Tea Shares: Eastern Cachar 10; East India 8/8; Sarugaon 9/4; Sungma 8.

Debentures: 4 per cent 1970 Calcutta Port Trust Debs 104/4.—A. P.

KARACHI PRODUCE MARKET

KARACHI: March 29.

To-day's closing quotations:—

Sind Cotton May 23/3/9; Punjab May 19/8/9; F F F F May 27/15/6. Dull.

Wheat March 27; July 27/15/6.

Gram July 27/10/6. Dull.

Toria March 49/7; May 40/3; July 41/0/6.

Cottonseed March 21/0/6; May 21/6/6; July 21/15/6.

SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVED

Bombay: March 29.

Mackinnon Mackenzie and Coy's American s s Steel Age of 3792 reg tons Capt R Jones arrived from New York with general cargo

Norwegian s s Henrik of 761 reg tons Capt J Sorlee arrived from Mangalore with general cargo.

SAILED

O S Kaisha's Japanese s s London Maru Capt T Hida sailed for Osaka with passengers and general cargo.

Lloyd Triestino Coy's Italian s s Dandolo Capt G Luci sailed for Marseilles with general cargo.

Norwegian oil tanker Ketty Broving Capt E H Moller sailed for Colombo with cargo of fuel and Diesel oil.

LOADING

The following vessel is booked for loading on 29-3-40:—

Italian s s Brento.

IMPORTS

Bombay: March 29.

3065 bags betelnuts; 1874 bags copra; 108 pkgs clocks; 107 bls art papers; 970 bags refined sugar; 75 c/s transparent paper; 75 c/s iron cut tacks; 40 c/s confectionery; 30 c/s ground glass; 38 c/s gramophone motors; 34 cases rubber belting; 105 c/s umbrella goods; 194 bls auto tyres; 700 cts galvd steel plain sheets; 198 c/s sheet glass; 147 drums sulphur black; 246 bags empty glass bottles; 44 c/s cotton and rayon mixed piecegoods; 505 c/s glassware; 1016 bls cotton yarn; 1461 c/s cotton piecegoods; 738 bls staple fibre yarn; 2312 c/s rayon yarn; 412 c/s porcelain ware; 2770 cts tiles; 30 c/s crockery ware; 20 c/s silk piecegoods; 135 c/s glass bottles; 300 bags glue; 136 c/s prtd cotton jeans; 58 c/s art silk piecegoods; 444 c/s rayon piecegoods; 102 c/s cotton and art silk mixed piecegoods; 44 c/s worsted yarn; 606 c/s art silk yarn; 52 c/s ctn and rayon mixed yarns; 65 c/s woollen yarn; 49 bags damar Batu; 596 bdls rattans; 360 c/s pineapples; 725 coils galvd iron wire; 465 c/s glass bangles; 150 c/s dyestuffs; 120 c/s bobbins; 72 c/s empty tin cans; 75 bls cotton fents; 556 bls strawboards; 28 c/s spun silk yarn; 900 c/s firecrackers; 55 c/s elect bulbs 306 cts elect fans; 50 cts ply chest woods; 275 cases hurricane lanterns; 69 c/s cell bangles; 35 c/s camphor; 52 c/s enamelled spoons; 128 cases weaving machines; 160 c/s elect goods; 48 c/s elect motor fans; 32 c/s rubber goods; 1500 bags soda ash; 83 bls matting; 53 c/s potassium bichromate; 220 c/s calcium carbonate; 750 c/s tin plates; 104 pkgs graphite crucible; 89 c/s cotton goods; 55 c/s beef; 1350 bdls flat bars; 1088 bdls iron hoops; 143 c/s green tea; 50 cases Hydrogen peroxide; 110 c/s sulphuric acid; 254 c/s window glass; 164 c/s cycle parts; 97 c/s enamelled ware; 35 c/s auto parts and accessories; 68 cts galvd M I pipe fittings.

EXPORTS

Bombay: March 29.

110 bags fennel seed R S Tata and Co; 56 bls cotton piecegoods P K Ashar and Co; 9506 bags castor seed Ralli Bros Ltd; 1200 bgs crushed bones J J Rahimtoola and Co; 400 bags groundnut oil cakes exp F H Kassam; 30 bags dry ginger A P Gupta; 4441 bags crushed bones The Fazalbhai Ibrahim and Co Ltd; 5800 tons manganese ore The Shivrajpur Syndicate Ltd; 143 bls cotton piecegoods The Bombay Dyeing and Mfg Co Ltd; 13 bls cotton rags M Narottamdas and Co; 35 bls cotton twist waste Jani and Co; 36000 bags linseed The East Asiatic Co Ltd; 2300 bags groundnut kernals S M Rajgor and Co; 225 tons old iron scrap J M Sayani; 308 bags myrabollam C Jivanlal and Co; 800 bags myrabollam J Moolchand and Co; 320 bags myrabollam R S Tata and Co; 1766 bags castor seed J Ramchand and Co; 9740 bags castor seed The Oil Seeds Trading Co Ltd; 7006 castorseed K Devchand and Co Ltd; 1400 bags castorseed M Bhuta and Co; 1333 bags castor seed S M Rajgor and Co; 320 bags myrabollam H Bhagwandas and Co.

3½ P. C. STERLING LOAN

London: March 29.

3 1/2 per cent Indian Sterling Loan closed steady at £95 1/4

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

INDIAN LOANS

London: March 29.

3 per cent Indian Stock (£99) £99.
3 1/2 per cent Indian Stock (£95 1/4) £95 1/4
4 1/2 per cent Indian Stock 1950/55 (£110 1/2) £110 1/2
4 1/2 per cent 1958/68 (£115) £115
4 per cent Indian Stock 1948/53 (£108) £108
5 per cent Indian Stock 1942-47 (£107 1/4) £107 1/4
3 1/2 per cent Indian Stock 1954/58 (£103) £103

AUSTRALIAN LOANS

5 per cent 1945/55 (£105 3/4) £105 3/4

BRITISH FUNDS

2 1/2 per cent Consols (£72 1/8) £72 1/8
3 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan (£97 1/2) £97 5/8
4 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan (£101 7/8) £101 7/8
4 per cent Funding Loan (£109 5/8) £109 5/8
3 1/2 per cent War Loan (£98 1/2) 98 5/8
New War Loan (£99 11/16) £99 3/4
4 1/2 per cent Victory Bonds (£108 5/8) £108 3/4

INDUSTRIALS

Standard Motors (12-0) 12-0
Marks and Spencer Ordinary (51-10 1/2) 51-10 1/2
Hydro Electric (dol 3) dol 3
Electric Music Industry (8-7 1/2) 8-7 1/2
Pinchin Johnson (22-1 1/2) 22-1 1/2
Imperial Chemicals (31-9) 31-9
Woolsworth New Ordinary (65-0 1/2) 64-9
San Paulo 7 per cent Coffee Rates 1939 (£47) £47
Dunlop Rubber (33-6) 33-9
Unilever Ordinary (32) 32-0
Ford Motors (17-4 1/2) 17-4 1/2
Cables and Wireless New Ordinary (£60 1/2) £60 1/2
British American Tobacco Ordinary (102-6) 102-6
Carreas 'A' (£5 1/2) £5 1/2
Imperial Tobacco Ordinary (116-6) 116-10½
P. and O. Def. (21-3) 21-3
Distillers (67-3) 67-3
Bredfords Dye (6-0) 6
British Celanese (8-6) 8-6
J and P Coates Ordinary (36-7 1/2) 37-7 1/2
Courtaulds Ordinary (36-3) 37-0
Fine Cotton Spinners (6-6) 5-6
Vickers Limited Ordinary (18-4 1/2) 18-4 1/2
Inter Nickel (dol 45 3/4) dol 45 3/4
Indian Iron (51-9) 55-0

TEA SHARES

Assam (18-1 1/2) 17-9
Donaro Tea (31-3) 31-3
Empire of India (23-9) 23-9

JUTES

Barnagore (£9 1/4) 9 1/4

RUBBER SHARES

Anglo Dutch Rubber (23-9) 23-6
Gula Kelampong (18-9) 19-0
Rubber Plant Inv Trust (32-9) 32-6

MINING SHARES

Nandydrug (27-6) 27-6
Burma Corporation (9-3) 9-3
Rio Tintos (£14 5/8) £14 1/2
East Rand Properties (45-7 1/2) 45-7 1/2
Rand Mines (£7 1/4) £7 1/4

MINE SHARES

Crown (£13 7/8) £13 7/8
Associated Portland Cement (47-6) 47-6
Trinidad Leaseholds (70-0) 70-0
Sub Nigel (£9 3/8) £9 3/8
Spring Mines Split Shares (27-6) 27-6
Union Corporation (£7 1/4) £7 1/4

OIL SHARES

Venezuela Persian (26-3) 26-7 1/2
Anglo India (52-6) 51-10 1/2
Burma Oil (70-7 1/2) 70-7 1/2
Mexican Eagle (6-3) 6-0
Shell Transport (78-9) 78-9
Royal Dutch (£32 1/2) £32 1/4

RAILWAY SHARES

Great Western Ordinary (£49) £48 3/4
London Midland Ordinary (£22 5/8) £22 5/8
London North Eastern Def (£3 1/4) £3 1/4
London Southern Def (£21 5/8) £21 5/8
London Transport 5 per cent (£118) £118
London Transport 'C' (£43 1/2) £43 1/2

QUAKE SHOCK RECORDED AT COLABA OBSERVATORY.

BOMBAY, March 29.

An earthquake shock of moderate intensity at its origin at 3,230 miles away in the Sulu sea off Philipine Islands was recorded by the seismograph at the Colaba Observatory at 9-27 p.m. (S. T.) on Thursday.

The focal depth of the shock was about 150 miles.—A. P.

COLABA OBSERVATORY, BOMBAY

Summary of Meteorological Observations during 24 hours ending 8 a.m. of 29-3-1940.

Change of 8 a.m. barometer in past 24 hours —.022 inches

Temperature (dry bulb) at 8 a.m. 78.2 degrees

Temperature (wet bulb) at 8 a.m. 74.1 degrees

Maximum temperature during 24 hours 86.8 degrees 0.7 (below normal)

Minimum temperature during 24 hours 74.8 degrees 1.1 (above normal)

Relative humidity at 8 a.m. 82 per cent.

Direction of wind at 8 a.m. NNE

Velocity of wind at 8 a.m. 5 miles per hour.

Total movement of wind in 24 hours 235 miles

Velocity of maximum gust of wind during 24 hours 27 miles per hour

Extent of cloud at 8 a.m. (the whole sky cloudy eq. 10) 0

EARTHQUAKE REPORT

An earthquake shock of moderate intensity at its origin about 3230 miles away with its epicentre near latitude 10deg. North and longitude 120 deg. East in the Sulu sea off the Philippine Islands was recorded by the seismographs at the Colaba Observatory at 21h. 27m. I.S.T. on Thursday 28-3-1940. The focal depth of the shock was about 150 miles.

OFFICIAL BAROMETER READING DATED 29-3-40.

At 8-7 a.m. local time (8-46 a.m. Indian Standard Time) and temperature 80.4 deg. F., a mercury barometer without index error at mean sea level would actually read 30.15 inches and a compensated aneroid 29.95 inches.

For correction of ships' instruments please subtract from the above official barometer reading 0.001" for every foot of elevation of the instrument above mean sea level.

SADHU'S 'AMBITION'!

"To Remain Buried Alive For 45 Days"

PATNA, March 28.

To be buried alive for a month and a half is the ambitious Yogic feat embarked upon by a young Sadhu in Darbhanga District who according to a report received here entered a subterranean chamber on March 25.

Previous to entering the dugout, which has been closed from all sides this Sadhu is stated to have been on a fast since March 11. Aged 30, the Sadhu is an ex-Congressman who fasted for 21 days in sympathy with Mahatmaji when the latter went on a fast previous to the conclusion of the Poona Pact.—A. P.

Vora's Party To Members Of Standing Committee

Mr. Jethalal Vora, Chairman of the Standing Committee entertained the members of that Committee to a dinner at the Corporation Hall on Friday night.

Mr. Bhulabhai Desai and Mr. Behram N. Karanjia were present.

Mr. Bhulabhai, speaking on the occasion congratulated the Committee Members on the good work they had done. Though the Corporation of Calcutta was bigger than Bombay, Bombay compared favourably with that city in point of health and beauty. The doubt in certain minds when the Congress Contested the elections, that the intrusion of political parties in the civic life would militate against the smooth working of the Corporation was dispelled by facts.

The Mayor congratulated the Standing Committee for their fine record of service.

Public School Education For Indian Boys

Mr. F. G. Pearce Principal of the Scindia School, gave a lantern lecture on 'Public school Education for Indian Boys' on Friday evening in the Anjuman Hall. There was a large gathering of students and teachers of various schools in the city of Bombay and suburbs.

B. P. WOMEN'S COUNCIL

An 'At Home' will be held at the Town Hall to-day (Saturday) at 5 p.m. when Mrs. Sarojini Naidu has kindly consented to speak on "Peace International and Communal."

BOMBAY NATIONAL GUARDS

The Hon. General Secretary, Bomay National Guards writes:—

All the members of the Bombay National Guards are hereby informed that they must come in full uniforms to the Marine Lines Maidan to-morrow (Sunday) at 7 a.m. sharp. There will be a route march at 7-30 a.m.

The Bombay National Guards have decided to co-operate with the Citizens' Strike Relief Committee and for this purpose Dr. P. S. Nair, the General Secretary, has been co-opted as a member for the Relief Committee. He has been appointed as the Secretary of the Volunteers' Sub-Committee. Already two Sub-Committees have been appointed: one at Matunga and the other one at Fort.

We hope all the other Volunteer Corps in the City of Bombay also will co-operate with us in this humanitarian work.

LONDON.—The Air Ministry announces that at his own request the Marshal of R. A. F. Sir Edward Ellington is vacating the post of Inspector-General of the R. A. F. He will be succeeded by Air Chief Marshal Sir Edgar Ludlowhewitt.

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The Air Ministry announces that a coastal command aircraft while on patrol over the north sea today encountered two enemy aircraft. During a prolonged engagement one enemy aircraft was repeatedly hit. It was seen to be seriously damaged and it is considered improbable it would be able to reach its base. The British aircraft returned safely.—Reuter.

WOMAN'S ROLE IN LIFE

Mrs. Naidu On Sacredness Of Motherhood And Wifehood

"(Woman is) Not weak, nor subjective, vain and vacillating, but a power for good—comrade, companion and consoler to man, a great creative force and if need be a destructive force as well," observed Mrs. Sarojini Naidu on Friday noon addressing the members of the Bombay Women's work-guild at Princess Victoria Mary Gymkhana.

Mrs. Naidu was introduced to the audience by Lady Lumley, who presided.

Stressing the need for women to cultivate will and strength, she said, "Why should my virtue be so fragile that iron conventions are required to protect it? When the sword of her strength fell from her hand woman took up a fan and abrogated her sacred womanhood." Mrs. Naidu considered that the degradation of nations was due to the degradation of their women.

Referring to the women of Indian legend, Mrs. Naidu observed that these women, who were the very epitome of all that was best in ancient Indian women, were cast in heroic moulds: they symbolised and illustrated life-saving qualities like heroism, purity, devotion, and self-sacrifice. In the same manner in all legends and all history woman was exalted. This was not for sentimental reasons, but because the sacredness of motherhood and wifehood were recognised.

Concluding Mrs. Naidu said that women the world over formed a community, by virtue of their oneness in all fundamental and primal matters. Artificial barriers of nation and race could not divide them: religion could not separate them: since to them all life was sacred, they were bound by the same bonds: they were the greatest power for peace.

Y. M. H. A.

The annual general meeting of the above association will be held in the premises of the Association to-day (Saturday) at 4-30 p.m. (S.T.) and the ordinary general meeting to consider and adopt the amended constitution will be held on the same day at 6 p.m. (S.T.)

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BOMBAY and SUBURBS

Local Engagements

To-day

Hindu: Falgun Vad 7, 1996
Muslim: Safar 20, 1359
Parsi: Meher 27, 1309
Hightide: 4-26; 17-48
Lowtide: 10-40; 00-00
Sunrise: 6h. 35m.
Sunset: 6h. 53m.

JOURNALISTS TO MEET MRINAL KANTI BOSE

Mr. Mrinal Kanti Bose will meet city journalists in the premises of the Journalists' Association of India in Queen's Mansions, Prescott Road, Fort, to-day (Saturday) at 6 p.m.

MAHESHWAR COMMUNITY'S SOCIAL GATHERING

A social gathering of the members of the Maheshwari community will be held at 5 p.m. on Sunday (to-morrow) at Morar Bagh when the Hon. Mr. Brijlal Bayani will preside.

"HAHNEMANN DAY"

Under the auspices of the All-India Homoeopathic Medical Association "Hahnemann Day" will be observed throughout India on the 10th of April 1940. Provincial and District Homoeopathic Associations are requested to hold public meetings and to arrange lecture on the life of late Dr. Hahnemann and his principles. Resolutions should be passed requesting the Government to recognise the Homoeopathic system of treatment. Detailed programme for the day can be had from Dr. B. D. Agarwala, its Secretary. A talk on Dr. Hahnemann will also be broadcasted by the All-India Radio from its Lahore Station and will be relayed from Delhi Station.

Amusements Of The Day

CAPITOL—"The Big Guy." Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
REGAL—"The Invisible Man Returns." Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
METRO—"Balalaika." Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
EXCELSIOR—"Raffles." Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
NEW EMPIRE—"The Hunchback of Notre Dame." Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
PATHE—"Ali-Baba." Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 4 p.m.
ROXY—"Kangan." Daily at 4, 7 and 9-45 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1 p.m.
WEST END—"Ardhangi." Daily at 4-15, 7 and 9-45 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1-30 p.m.
MINERVA—"Zindagi." Daily time as usual.
KRISHNA—"Naked Truth." Daily at 4-15, 7 and 9-45 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1-30 p.m.
OPERA HOUSE—"Holi." Daily at 4, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1-30 p.m.
CENTRAL—"Gorakhnath." Daily at 4-15, 7 and 9-45 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1-30 p.m.
PLAZA—"My Beloved." Daily time as usual.

KANNADA SANGHA ANNIVERSARY

The 4th anniversary of the Bombay Kannada Sangha, Matunga (G.I.P.) will be held at the Asthika Samaj Hall to-morrow (Sunday) at 4 p.m. when H. H. Jagadguru Sankaracharya (Dr. Kurtkoti) will preside and Rajakarya Pravina Mr. N. S. Subba Rao, Vice-Chancellor, Mysore University, will declare open the Sangha's Kannada Library. The programme includes a number of interesting items on Kannada art and literature.

SOCIAL SERVICE LEAGUE

The second annual prize distribution ceremony of the Social Service League's Gymnasium will be held to-morrow (Sunday) at 9 a.m. (S.T.) at Damodar Thackersey Hall, Parel. Swami Kuvalyanand, the Chairman, Board of Physical Education, Bombay, will preside.

KATGADE'S LECTURE

Sjt. Pundlik Katgade, States' worker, will deliver a public lecture to-day (Saturday) at the Om Samarth Bharat Vyayam Mandir, "F" Road, Dadar, at 6-30 p.m.

SNEH SAMMELAN AT JUHU

(From A Correspondent)

'Sneh Sammelan' (friendly social gathering) was celebrated at Janki Kutir, Juhu, on the occasion of Holi under the auspices of the Marwari Sammelan, Bombay.

Several interesting items included Kavi Sammelan, singing, caricaturing, seabathing etc.

Mr. Begraj Gupta, President of the Marwari Sammelan, in his short speech threw light on the social, economic and political problems of the community and particularly laid stress on the vital needs of the community, viz: a hospital, cheap-rent chawls and a hostel for Marwari students in Bombay.

After the friendly social dinner and exchange of good wishes the gathering dispersed.

LATE MR. JITEKAR

(From A Correspondent)

A meeting of the citizens of Uran held at Bazar Road on March 25, 1940 condoled the death of Haji Ibrahim Jitekar. Sir. Dossabhai Bhiwandiwalla presided. The President referred to Mr. Jitekar's generous donation of Rs. 30,000 for the supply of water to the Uran town.

KHADI SALES AT REDUCED RATES

The Hon. Secretary, A.I.S.A. Bombay Branch, writes:—

It has been our practice to sell Khadi at reduced rates in commemoration of the National Week. A concession of 6 1/4 per cent on all cotton purchases and 12 1/2 per cent on all silk and woollen purchases and 12 1/2 per cent to 50 per cent on unsaleable, old pattern, or slightly damaged goods will be allowed on sales from Monday, 1st April to Sunday, 14th April, 1940.

It is hoped that the citizens of Bombay will utilise the occasion by making largest purchases of Khaddar and thus show their full support to Ramgarh Congress resolution.

FLAG SALUTATION AT CONGRESS HOUSE

Under the auspices of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee, the monthly flag salutation ceremony will be held to-morrow (Sunday) at 8 a.m. (S.T.) at the Congress House, when Sjt. Bhulabhai J. Desai, the President of the B.P.C.C. will unfurl the National Flag. Smt. Sarojini Naidu will be present at the function and address the volunteers.

FLAG SALUTATION IN 'G' WARD

The monthly flag salutation in 'G' Ward will take place on Sunday, the 31st inst. at 8 a.m. in the 'G' Ward District Congress Committee's office. Sjt. J. R. Shastri will unfurl the flag.

AT MANDVI

Under the auspices of 'B' Ward District Congress Committee there will be a monthly flag salutation to-morrow (Sunday) at 8 a.m. near the Committee's office. Sjt. Salebhoy Abdul Kader, the President of the Committee, will hoist the flag.

AT SANTA CRUZ

Under the auspices of the Santa Cruz Congress Committee, the monthly flag salutation will take place to-morrow (Sunday) at 8 a.m. (S.T.) in Bajaj Wadi, Station Rd., Santa Cruz.

"F" WARD CONGRESS

The annual general meeting of the 'F' Ward District Congress Committee will be held on Saturday, the 6th April, 1940 at the Napoo Hall, Matunga, G.I.P. Rly., at 7-30 p.m. (S.T.) to adopt the annual report; to sanction the audited accounts and any other business with the permission of the meeting.

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Dr. Damacene J. D'Souza, Superintendent and Medical Officer, Central Prison, Belgaum, who retired recently, hails from Bastora, Goa. He had a brilliant career both at St. Xavier High School, Bombay, from where he matriculated, and the Grant Medical College, where he graduated in 1909, capturing the Charles Morehead Prize in Medicine. In 1910 he received an appointment in the Bombay Medical Service.

After serving Government for a few years he was appointed Superintendent and Medical Officer Extra-Mural Prison, Hyderabad (Sind), where he showed his organising abilities by remodelling that large colony on modern reformatory system. His work here was much appreciated by Government and Dr. D'Souza was transferred to Karachi as Superintendent and Medical Officer, District Jails. Later his services were transferred to the Bombay Jails Department. He was Superintendent, Central Prison, Belgaum since October, 1933. He has been responsible for many improvements in this Prison. In 1935 he was awarded the King George V Silver Jubilee Medal and in 1937 the King George VI Coronation Medal.

BOMBAY'S NEW MAYOR

Mr. Mathooradas & Mr. Goregaokar To Contest

Mr. Mathooradas Tricumjee, leader of the Congress Municipal Party, and Mr. K. H. Goregaoker of the Federated Group have been duly nominated for election to the office of Mayor of Bombay for the coming year. The election will be held on Monday, at 3-40 p.m.

The list of nominations has been closed.

SIKH-PATHAN CLASH SEQUEL

(From A Correspondent)

The following resolution was unanimously adopted at the weekly Dewan of the local Sikhs held at their Gurdwara (Temple) under the auspices of Sri Guru Singh Sabha, Bombay.

The Sikhs of Bombay highly condemn the murderous assault made by certain Pathans on the Sikh lorry drivers on Bombay-Agra Road. While fully sympathising with the Sikh sufferers the Dewan strongly appeals to the Bombay Government to make elaborate and immediate arrangements to put an end to such activities and protect the lives and safeguard the property of Sikh travellers on road.

SARASWAT CO-OP. HOUSING SOCIETY

The Silver Jubilee celebrations of the Saraswat Co-operative Housing Society came off on Thursday night before a large gathering in the Association Hall at Talmakiwadi. Mr. G. P. Murdeshwar, the President of the Society traced the history of the Society since 1915; after which there was Bhajan and thanks-giving.

BANGA SAHITYA SEVA

A meeting of the Banga Sahitya Seva will be held at Bengal Club, Parel, to-day (Saturday) at 7-30 p.m. when Mr. Hiten Chowdhury and Mr. S. Khasnobis will read two papers.

BOMBAY SEVA DAL

G. O. C. of the Bombay Seva Dal writes: Volunteers of the Bombay Seva Dal of the B.P.C.C. are hereby informed to be present at the Congress House to-morrow (Sunday) at 6-30 a.m. (S.T.) precisely when combined parade of the volunteers of the different centres will take place. Moreover this Sunday, there will be monthly flag salutation ceremony, under the auspices of the B. P.C.C. at 8 a.m. (S.T.) at the Congress House, therefore, all the volunteers of the Bombay Seva Dal are required to attend the function as well.

VEXATIOUS LITIGATION

Municipal Commissioner Proposes Amendment Of Act

An instance of how some of the failed candidates drag the Municipal Commissioner to High Court to set aside the ward elections through the agency of men without any means is illustrated by a case which came before the Standing Committee of the Municipal Corporation on Friday. In this particular case, the Municipal Commissioner stated: That one Mr. Shankerlal J. Joshi a voter in Ward No. 6 (Bhuleshwar-Market Ward), filed on 18th February 1939, a petition in the High Court under Section 45 of the Specific Relief Act, praying for a "Rule Nisi" requiring the Municipal Commissioner to forbear from doing the certain Acts in connection with the last General Elections.—

The petitioner, Mr. Joshi, resides at 32-34, Kika Street. On a surprise visit to his room there was found nothing but a few cooking utensils and a bedding and a box. His business address was traced, and he was questioned by the Election and Town Duty Officer in the presence of one of the proprietors of the Gujarat Printing Press, where he is employed as a Proof-reader on a salary of Rs. 50 per month, when Mr. Joshi stated that the did not own any property whatsoever, in or outside Bombay.

When pressed to state how he happened to file a suit against a responsible public body like the Bombay Municipality, he stated that he was asked to sign an application by Mr. Manubhai C. Pandya, a failed candidate in Ward No. 6, which he signed without realising the full significance of it. There is no likelihood of any part of the costs awarded to the Municipal Commissioner being recovered from him and the institution of legal proceedings against him will involve a further waste of money. The Municipal Solicitors have intimated that the party and party costs payable by Mr. Joshi would amount to about Rs. 475.

In the circumstances, I request the sanction of the Standing Committee, to the sum of Rs. 475 due from Mr. Joshi being written off as irrecoverable.

Some of the members of the Committee thought that some action should be taken to recover Rs. 475. The Municipal Commissioner explained that it was not possible to recover anything from the man, but he had prepared a report to amend the Municipal Act, so as to call upon those voters who go to court to challenge the elections to deposit the costs in the court of law first.

The Committee empowered the Municipal Commissioner to write off the amount of Rs. 475.

The Committee put on record their thanks to Dr. J. V. Vora, the retiring chairman, for the valuable services he rendered during the term of his office and their appreciation for the zeal, ability, courtesy and tact with which he discharged the arduous duties of his office.

Many members spoke on the resolution in which Mr. M. D. Bhat, the Municipal Commissioner also whole-heartedly associated and it was passed with acclamation.

Dr. Vora suitably replied and thanked his colleagues for the very kind words they had spoken about him and particularly mentioned the assistance and advice he received from Mr. Bhat, the Municipal Commissioner, Mr. Damle, the Municipal Secretary. Mr. B. V. Mody, and Mr. C. F. DeSouza, the Assistant Secretaries.

ANNIVERSARY OF PRARTHANA SAMAJ

In connection with the 73rd anniversary of the Bombay Prarthana Samaj, Mr. G. L. Chandavarkar will conduct the opening Divine Service in the Prarthana Mandir, to-day (Saturday) at 5-30 p.m. to-morrow (Sunday) at 7-30 a.m. Mr. Y. V. Bhandarkar will conduct the Divine Service, and at 3 p.m. there will be Sunday school gathering under the presidentship of Mrs. Shantabai Kashalkar and in the evening at 5-30 p.m. Dr. V. A. Sukhtankar will conduct the Divine Service.

The Red Cross Pageant

Awaiting Bombay is one of the finest shows that has been organised for quite some time. In aid of a cause, whose worthiness is beyond question and which has become a sort of humanising influence counteracting the horrors of war, this show to be held during the next three days is something out of the ordinary for this city. It brings together strange people—the fire brigade, the cavalry and dancers. Never before have three such different people appeared on the same stage.

The purpose of the show is, therefore, both instruction and entertainment. The Brabourne Stadium is the scene of this pageant and with a little more lighting and a few more players one could as well have transferred the set to Aldershot.

Many of the items do credit to the organisers. But the feature of the programme which marks itself out for special distinction is the item performed by the 7th Light Cavalry. This unit of Sikhs with their horses are magnificent. Supple, disciplined, both horses and men perform feats which are almost astonishing.

The part played by the Fire Brigade is less decorous but it creates a distinct feeling of security among the onlookers who watch some real good work being put in. Rescues from high buildings, the force of the water spouting up a hundred feet or more—these are some of the features of the Fire Brigade show. If ever they are called on to do their part of the work in a war one feels certain they will not flinch from doing their duty.

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CONGRESS PROPAGANDA AT GODHRA

(From Our Correspondent)

GODHRA: (By Mail).

Under the auspices of Godhra Youth League, a public meeting of the citizens of Godhra was held in Katchiawad. The President, Mr. Yahyabhai Lokhandwala, a delegate to Ramgarh Congress, addressed the meeting and explained the present political situation and criticised the political threats of Mr. Jinnah. In the end the resolution passed by the Ramgarh Congress was read to the audience and two more resolutions: one condemning the arrest of Mr. Jaiprakash Narain and others under the Defence of India Act and another regretting the sudden death of Maulana Yakub Hasan were passed.

YOUTHS PARLIAMENT

That "Mass Literacy is the Only Means for the Freedom of India and Not Civil Disobedience" will be the subject of the public debate in the Youth Lodge, Blavatsky Lodge to-day (Saturday) at 6-30 p.m. Mr. S. B. V. Karandikar will preside.

MUSICAL ART SOCIETY

The 83rd general meeting and ninth anniversary of the Musical Art Society will be held to-day (Saturday) at 9-30 p.m. (S.T.) at the Chikitsak Samuha School's Wagle Hall, Kandewadi. There will be a programme of vocal music by Sangit Kalanidhi Master Krishnarao Pulambrikar.

NATIONAL WEEK KHADI EXHIBITION AT MATUNGA

A Khadi Exhibition will be held at Napoo Hall, Matunga from 1st April to 14th April in commemoration of the National Week.

Sjt. V. L. Mehta will declare the Exhibition open to-morrow (Sunday) at 6 p.m. (S.T.)

SOCIAL WORKERS' SOCIETY

The 5th annual general meeting of the Social Workers' Society will be held to-day (Saturday) at 4-45 p.m. at Bahai Hall, Krishna Building, Bori Bunder. The meeting will be followed by a social gathering of members and friends at 6 p.m. at the same place.

SETH G. K. HINDU BALMANDIR, GATHERING

Late Seth Gordhandas Karsondas Hindu Balmandir Bhatia Stree Mandal's second annual gathering and exhibition of work done by children will be held to-day (Saturday) at 4 p.m. Laxmi Nivas, Kazi Sayed Street, Khand Bazar. Shree Kaniyalal Manekial Munshi will preside.

MATUNGA PREMIER SCHOOL

Annual prize distribution gathering of the Matunga Premier School will be held to-day (Saturday) at the garden opposite Napoo Hall at 5 p.m. (S.T.) Rao Saheb Sheth Kantilal Ishverlal, J.P., will preside. Mrs. Shakuntalaben Kantilal will distribute the prizes. Interesting programme of Ras, Garba dance and drill will be gone through.

LATE PANDURANG JAVJI

Under the joint auspices of the Bombay Press Owners' Association and Bombay Type Foundry Workers' Association a meeting will be held to mourn the sad death of Sheth Pandurang Javji, J.P., President of the Bombay Press Owners' Association and Bombay Type Foundry Owners' Association and Proprietor of the Nirnaya Sagar Press and Javji Dadaji Type Foundry, at the Forbes Sabha Hall, opp. Tutorial Printing Press, Congress House Lane, V. J. Patel Road, Bombay 4, to-day (Saturday) at 6 p.m.

ESSAY COMPETITION FOR ISMAILI STUDENTS

Mrs. Khurshed F. Fazelbhoy has presented the Ismailia Students' Education Society two cups for the first two best essays written by Ismaili Students on a subject of their own choice.

Ismaili students who are desirous of entering this competition are requested to send their essays to the Organizer, Essay Competition, C/o the Ismailia Students' Education Society, Ismaili House, Nishanpada Road, Bombay No. 9, so as to reach not later than 15th May 1940, together with the competition entrance fee of annas two in postage stamps. The members of the Society are exempted from the competition entrance fee.

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NATIONALIST MUSLIMS' DUTY

It is encouraging to note that the Muslim League's scheme to partition India is eliciting strong protests from Muslims as well as non-Muslims. We have already noticed the protests by Mr. M. R. A. Baig, President Indian Progressive Group, and Mr. M. I. M. Rowjee, ex-Sheriff of Bombay. They have been promptly followed by others from prominent Muslims, like Mr. Asaf Ali, member of the Congress Working Committee, and Mr. M. C. Chagla, a well-known nationalist Muslim leader of Bombay. The former rightly stresses the point that the League scheme "spells maximum danger to Muslims themselves." This is particularly true of the Muslim minorities in southern India who, in Mr. Chagla's words, will find themselves under the scheme to be only "aliens in our own land." And he pertinently asks: "Are we going to sell our birthright for a mess of communal pottage?"

A Danger To Muslims

That leads to the question what those Muslims who see the danger of the new scheme are going to do to avert the danger. It is a danger not only to the nation but also to the Muslims themselves. Be it noted that even in the north, though the Muslims are in a majority, they cannot afford to alienate the Hindus there by converting them into aliens in the land to which they have belonged from time immemorial. The Sikhs, for instance, will never allow themselves to be so treated. The scheme will ruin the Unity Conference which the Bengal Premier called only a few days ago. And he will soon enough discover that the large Hindu minority of the Province will not submit to a plan which deprives them of their full rights of citizenship. Even in Sind where the Muslims are in an overwhelming majority they sorely need the fullest goodwill and co-operation of the small Hindu minority, as is admitted by the new as well as the old Premier of the Province. The new Minister has even gone to the length of dissolving the League Party and in an appeal to the Congress for support he says: "My Ministry is not a Muslim League Ministry. The Muslim League and Hindu Independent Parties dissolved themselves and the new Government is nationalist in policy, programme and outlook." It will be suicidal for the Muslims all over the country to alienate the Hindus of the whole country by supporting this scheme of cutting up the Motherland into separate sections. Those who remember the revolt that followed Government's attempt to partition Bengal can imagine the inevitable consequences of a partition that is infinitely worse.

What Congress Should Do

If these considerations appeal to dispassionate Muslims, they cannot afford to be complacent about the matter. They must knock the scheme on the head with all their might and with all expedition. They should carry on a vigorous education propaganda pointing out the disastrous consequences of the new-fangled scheme to the Muslims themselves. Mr. Asaf Ali gives a timely warning in the following words: "The League's reactionary leadership instead of working for an honourable settlement is obviously heading towards a fruitless civil war, the brunt of which will fall on the innocent masses. Independent and Nationalist Muslims can no longer remain silent spectators of so glaring a tragedy and, therefore, they must bestir themselves and save the situation from developing into a crisis. The old reactionaries now working in an unholy alliance with thoughtless visionaries must not be allowed to play with the destiny of nine crores of Indian Mussalmans." It is upto the nationalist Muslims, whether they are Congressmen or not, to take concerted measures to save the community from the disaster that the new scheme will mean to them. They may well make this their main issue at the forthcoming Conference of nationalist Muslims. It is not suggested that nationalist Muslims or nationalists of all communities should be content with a purely negative attitude towards the new scheme, which is, after all, a means to an end, that end being the full safeguarding of Muslim interests in independent India. The Congress, instead of passively waiting for a solution of this question till a Constituent Assembly is convened, should actively take it up at once and, with such assistance as it can get from the League and other Muslim bodies, devise better means that will both safeguard Muslim interests and will be acceptable to the country as a whole.

Far-Reaching Declaration

Comments in London, Paris and Rome on the recent decisions of the Allied Supreme War Council constitute even more than enough elucidation of "the most far-reaching and solemn declaration of the unflinching solidarity made by the Allies since the outbreak of war." In one of its aspects the "historic" document does no more than formally record an existing practice. After the outbreak of war, Britain and France have been rapidly tending towards oneness in matters both military and economic. In fact they are already virtually one nation—it is announced that they will even issue identical postage stamps. But this oneness was to have been valid for the duration of the war with a view to the most effective prosecution of the common purpose—the present war.

The importance of the declaration, however, lies in that the operation of the solidarity has been extended beyond the war. Acting as one nation for war, they will also act as one nation for peace and even after. This is partly in reply to German propaganda and such other Powers as may have been entertaining hopes of splitting Britain and France. It ought effectually to dispose of all such hopes. And it ought also, to a certain extent, dispose of the likelihood of peace in the near future. But the principal importance of the document lies in the fact that it is pregnant with immense possibilities for the post-war period. France and Britain will act as one nation in organising peace. How will this procedure affect the nature of peace that it to be established? It is possible, on the one hand that the tragedy of Versailles and after may thereby be avoided. But it is also possible—especially in the not unlikely case of the two Governments of the time differing in their political principles and policies—that in the event of a conflict in aims solidarity may be preserved by a compromise which is less liberal and more reactionary. But the Supreme Council has given both an opportunity and a challenge to the peoples of the two countries. If they, too, come together as their Governments have they can jointly win from the latter a just popular and genuinely democratic peace not only for Europe but also for Asia and Africa.

Madness Or Treason?

Mr. Jinnah has taken a leaf out of Hitler's book and has created for his community something to fear and something to hate. You are lost, if you do not organize. You are lost anyway, as the Hindus are in a majority and as their rate of progress is very rapid. In trying to find suitable guarantees for the Muslims in a common country, Mr. Jinnah has worked himself up to such a degree of sub-conscious fear known as paranoid in mental diseases that he has developed a persecution mania and a super-sensitiveness with regard to Muslim rights, and he has transferred this feeling of being left out individually to a group feeling of being encircled and overwhelmed, until he can see no solution except the partitioning of India, not in two parts, but in several parts.

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Instead of finding a way to deal with problems of political subjection through foreign rule and of ghastly increasing poverty in India everywhere, the Muslim League has fallen a victim to the alternation of fear mania and grandiose mania. They are afraid that they would be out-distanced They are accusing the majority of creating a Hindu Raj. They, in their turn, are trying to safeguard Muslim rights by creating a Muslim domination based on ill-adapted historical and contemporary traditions. They accused the others of the same crime, which, by way of retaliation, they are about to commit themselves. They simplify the problem of India into a Muslim-non-Muslim, whereas life for an Indian, whether he is a Hindu or a Mussalman, is much more complex. As individuals, men of both religions are searching for happiness. They are both anxious for security. They profess the aim to build up a civilization, which could be paraphrased into the greatest degree of human co-operation. The Muslim League seeks to destroy the happiness of both of them, by raising the cry of the survival of the fittest, when both think that they are the fittest, and the fittest will have no more peace of mind than the unfit in India, whereas the progress of India and any advance lies in a common life, which

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the Muslim Pundits have ceased to believe in. The fear complex in the world has turned into aggression complex in the case of Germany. The facile method adopted by Mr. Jinnah to build up the League will turn like a boomerang on Muslim peace and happiness, even though incidentally it will jeopardise the peace and happiness of India as a whole.

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Desperate remedies do not indicate wisdom, but the lack of it. The best out of life could be secured, not by emphasizing points of difference, but by bringing out common points of assimilation. The mental picture, which Mr. Jinnah and his immediate entourage has invoked, portrays the Hindus as subtle enemies, who are united and can act as one man! The actual facts are that, even in those groups, assemblies, councils, municipalities and associations, where all the members are Hindus, not unity, but differences, constitute the rule. That such differences will also appear where all the persons round a table are Mussalmans, is an equally foregone conclusion. Men come to decisions on problems that present themselves, not on the ground of names, religion and party labels, but fundamentally on the ground of their interests. The economic interests of all Muslims are the same as the economic interests of all Hindus. Where there are conflicts as between Zemindar and tenant, employer and employee, and creditor and debtor, it will be found that a fellow sufferer, or member of one's own class, is nearer even if he professes a different religion. While Europe is talking of integration and federations, whether loose or closely knitted, Muslims in India are talking of disintegration. Prejudices have become principles with them and these have been bolstered up through ignorance both of a world process and of true human motives. If ever the saying that the remedy is worse than the disease was true, it is at the present-day in India, when the attempt to create and bolster up forces, that will weaken and destroy the Indian National Congress, has produced a Frankenstein that is going to consume those who have created it.

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The attempt to create a Pan-Islamic feeling in India will be foiled, because, while Indian Muslims are under foreign subjection, no free Muslims outside would have any respect for them. The free Muslim principalities outside are small and are themselves in serious danger both of convulsions 'inter se' and of aggression. Whether the war will leave them as they are at present, remains to be seen. The Indian Muslims, who are trying to find not merely traditional or cultural affinity, but something more outside, must inevitably turn back to their own home and seek strength through consolidation and alliance inside India. At that time the younger generation of Indians will not thank those, who have created mountains of mutual suspicion and barriers that appear impassable now, by masquerading their prejudices as principles and by turning a negative and justifiable attempt to save Islam in every manner into a political and economic disruption. Muslim conscience is not at all hurt at incidentally benefiting the third party and perpetuating foreign rule, which is but natural, considering the number of Knights on the League Executive.

Liberals And The Congress

By DR. G. S. MAHAJANI

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Critics of the Liberal Party often quote Gokhale to show that in his view passive resistance and non-payment of taxes are perfectly constitutional so long as violence is eschewed. This is admitted. But in the same passage, Gokhale rules them out on practical grounds. And again I do not think that he had any occasion to fully discuss the doctrine in all its aspects.

In my own view, Liberals would at times admit civil disobedience as a weapon to be used individually; but as a mass weapon, never. Only two grounds need be advanced. First, when civil disobedience is used by the masses, the effect is not so much to bring about a change in the heart of the Government as to paralyze it, and it would not, therefore, be allowed to retain its non-violent character.

Secondly, it is a dangerous weapon in the hands of the masses, as they will not easily give it up when the particular purpose is served and when the leaders call off the movement. Its use persists in other walks of life and the very foundations of discipline so necessary for our social and educational institutions are sapped. I hold that civil disobedience as a mass-movement is far more dangerous than even an armed rebellion.

The latter ends with itself. The former never completely dies. It leaves permanent effects on the mode of thought and people will not easily settle down to the ordered way of life. The weapon will be used on the slightest pretext—in schools, in your homes, on the play ground and everywhere. These grounds principally explain why the Liberals will have to keep away from the Congress.

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I am not unaware of the charge that the Liberals are only arm-chair politicians, and that they oppose civil disobedience because they are not capable of suffering any hardships or making any sacrifice. I wish I am given an opportunity to disprove it. As a test I am prepared to go to jail and for any period; but not for breaking law. My deepest conviction is that social and political stability depends on the law-abiding instinct of the people, and that we as a nation have yet to learn a lot more in that regard. Further, going to jail is not the only test of sacrifice.

Nor again have Liberals hesitated to adopt non-co-opeation as a weapon to maintain the Nation's honour when they felt certain that the masses were not going to be involved. I refer to the boycott of the Simon Commission. I feel I am light in stating that it was Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru who first gave a lead to the country by asking the Liberal party not to give any evidence before that Commission. To quote his own words, the Liberals felt justified in telling the Government here and in England:

"You may do anything you like in the assertion of your right as supreme power, but we are not going to acquiesce in this method of dealing with us. Neither our self-respect nor our sense of duty to our country can permit us to go near the Commission."

The boycott of the Simon Commission was a complete success—but be it remembered the move had nothing to do with the masses. The Liberals feel convinced that civil disobedience used as a mass-weapon creates far more difficult problems than it settles. They also firmly hold that social reform if too long deferred chokes up the channels of even the political advance.

Let us now review the course of events during the last three years.

For my part I attach the highest importance to that forgotten document, the Joint Memorandum of the British Indian Delegates submitted to the Joint Select Committee of the Parliament. That showed that Indians can produce an agreed scheme and that the British Government does not necessarily concede our demands even —when made with one voice. Nevertheless, one regrets to find that even that unity does not now exist.

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After three years of the working of the Provincial Autonomy by the Congress Party, the political situation in the country, from the point of view of national unity, has worsened beyond measure. And with my experience of the Legislature, I am constrained to say that the Congress is largely responsible for this deteriora-

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Frankly Speaking

Britain And Japan

At a lunch in Tokio, Sir Robert Craigie, the British Ambassador in Japan, took the opportunity to make an interesting review of Anglo-Japanese relations during the last two years and a half. Referring to the undeniable difficulties which marked the period Sir Robert expressed gratification that animosities had not hardened into "deep-seated resentment or permanent estrangement". And he also added that "bearing in mind the declared intentions of the Japanese Government and the measure of success achieved, he had a definite feeling of confidence in future Anglo-Japanese relations". If his confidence is well-founded, if, that is, some sort of negotiations are going on let us earnestly hope that they will not be concluded at the expense of China. By the way, the Ambassador referred to unwelcome "attentions by third parties" which were responsible for fostering misunderstandings. Who was he thinking of?

What Does It Mean?

With the arrest of Mr. S. G. Patkar, one of the Secretaries of the Girni Kamgar Union, the number of Bombay Labour leaders dealt with under the Defence of India Act since the commencement of the strike comes to eight. This is exclusive of the arrests of Messrs. Parulekar and Phadke who are to be tried for sedition. We do not see why, apart from Messrs. Parulekar and Phadke, the arrested leaders are not given a trial in a law court. Is it because no charge can be proved against them? If so, action taken by abusing a war measure is unfair. It is no justification to say that such action is taken only against persons believed to be communists. Being a communist is not an offence and we have no reason to believe that the communists have incited people to violence or done any thing that calls for such drastic action as has been taken against them. If they have actually committed any offence, Government should have prosecuted them in a court of law. It may be that they were most responsible for the strike and the strikers' uncompromising spirit. But we cannot believe that the Government of India are out to break the strike by removing Labour leaders from the scene of action. Will Government explain their policy, if they have any?

A Warning

We would warn Government that their inroads on the civil liberties of Labour leaders without even the semblance of a trial are creating deep discontent among workers all over the country. That discontent is but faintly reflected in the resolution of the General Council of the All-India Trade Union Congress condemning the policy of dealing with Labour leaders under the Defence of India Act. At a time when there is widespread distress among workers all over the country owing to high prices and low wages, it is certainly not wise to add to their discontent by a manifestly unfair method of detaining or imprisoning Labour leaders without a trial.

Land Revenue Remissions

A Bombay Government communique issued last week announced the remissions of land revenue granted to the various Districts of this Province. It was the practice for the last five years to grant remissions of three to four annas in the rupee, particularly in the admittedly heavily assessed Talukas such as Bhimdi, Kalyan and Bassein in Thana District and Panvel, Pen and Alibag in Kolaba District. There is no appreciable improvement in the rates of paddy and the crops have also failed this year owing to unseasonable rains. Yet, we find that the remission granted to Bassein, Thana Mahal and South Salsette is only two annas and to Alibag and Roha only one anna. Others are left out altogether. The same is true about various Talukas in Gujarat and Karnatak, which ordinarily received remissions to the extent of four annas but are excluded from remission in the current year.

Inadequate Relief

It would seem that the remissions this year have not been distributed on any principle and that they have been more or less capriciously ordered. This is scarcely continuing the policy of the Congress Government. Far from fulfilling the promise made by Mr. Morarji Desai that surveys would be immediately taken up with a view to reduce assessment in some talukas at least in Surat, Thana Kolaba and Ratnagiri, the Government have reduced remission by 50 or 75 per cent in badly affected Talukas. Another thing which Government should have considered is that the remissions, whatever they are, must be announced much earlier; for before March 22, even the second revenue instalment has to be paid according to rules, if the Khatedar wants to save himself from coercive processes like notice fee and 25 per cent fine and the like. If the Khatedar is to benefit by the remission, he must know about it before he sells away his produce.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

KARACHI.

Claiming that his Ministry has a nationalist outlook, policy and programme, the Premier, the Hon. Mir Bundeali Khan, in a telegram to Maulana Azad, the Congress President, and other Congress leaders, including Mr. Patel, Pandit Nehru and Dr. Prasad, says that his Government stands for national unity, pledged to the promotion of communal harmony and the safeguarding of the legitimate interests of minorities. He emphasises that the Ministry has nothing to do with the Muslim League.

—Associated Press.

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Mr. Asaf Ali utters the warning that "the scheme of Muslim segregation which the League has announced spells the maximum danger to Indian Muslims themselves."

To Indian Muslims yes. But the scheme has been announced by Mr. M A. Jinnah.

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"Nevertheless, Mr. Welles is apparently satisfied with the results of his journey."

—Washington report.

What else could he apparently express himself as?

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Future of Anglo-Japanese Relations.

—Press Headline.

It is located "somewhere" in China between Nanking and Chungking.

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Are you a sceptic? Do you believe that astrology cannot foretell events? If you are—or for that matter, even if you are not—note the following prophetic announcements for the month of April in your diary:—

(1) *"There will be an appreciable rise in the market, especially Tata Deferred, Cotton and Silver."*

(2) *"The present tension in textile strike will subside as the millowners will accept the labour demands and the strike will be called off on or before the 17th of April."*

(3) *"After the 15th of April there will be a remarkable change in Congress politics. Dissensions would grow and Mahatma Gandhi will see the Viceroy on 22nd April."*

(4) *"The Congress politics in Bengal will take a very serious turn between 10th and 17th April. Babu Subhas Chandra Bose will be arrested on or about 17th April 1940."*

(5) *"The Muslim League will get a kick from the Government and its prominent leaders will be arrested."*

And for the sceptics "a surprise of their life time"

(6) *"On the 28th April 1940 the ex-Maharaja of Indore, i.e., Sir Tukojirao Holkar will be reinstalled on the throne."*

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By the way, don't send any bouquets or over-ripe tomatoes to us on or before or even after April 28.

An astrological prophet has sent us his vision of April and we pass it on to you in his own words.

We believe in sharing our pleasure and profit with you.

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'How are ye enjoyin' the Army?'

'Ach, it's a great life. It's the first time I've had peace since I married ten years ago.'

"Dreaded Clash Of Arms In Spring Coming"

British Press On Anglo-French Solidarity: No Negotiated Peace: Reaction In Italy

ROME, March 28.

The communique issued after the meeting of the Supreme War Council is regarded in political circles as the most far-reaching and solemn declaration of the unflinching solidarity made by the Allies since the outbreak of war.

On the face of it, it is said, the communique plainly conveys that the Allies will not take initiative in any peace talks.

Political circles feel that such a categorical announcement would not have been made, if Mr. Welles' tour offered the flimsiest promise of acceptable peace proposals, and the feeling has become stronger that the spring must inevitably witness the clash of arms that the whole of Europe has been dreading.

The Anglo-French undertaking to act as one nation not only in the war but in all fields of political settlement after the war is described as disposing of all controversies between Britain and France regarding war aims.

France Welcomes Decision

The solemn agreement signed by France and Britain at the Supreme War Council is regarded as of historic value, says a French semi-official statement from Paris.

It added that a similar statement signed in 1914 was not as comprehensive nor as significant.

"As for the continuation of Franco-British action after the re-establishment of peace, this is an aspect of the alliance which has already been made known, but it is the first time the decision has been officially announced.

British Press Jubilant

Yesterday's meeting of the Supreme War Council is hailed in the British press as emphasising the allied unity and foreshadow energetic conduct of war until lasting peace is secured.

The "Times" says. "The Council decided to make it clear to the whole world that the unity of the allies is now so firmly established that nothing can shake it; that it is not merely a contribution towards winning the war, but will constitute after war has been won, the sure and stable foundation of lasting peace.

On all matters which had been made urgent by recent developments the decisions of the Council are likely to reflect the popular conviction that the time has come to wage war with the utmost energy and determination."

The "Daily Herald" says, "The Anglo-French declaration will be whole-heartedly endorsed by the peoples of the two countries. It is wise decision that both countries will agree on conditions necessary for security before discussing peace terms. Failure to do that was the source of much trouble in 1919.

The "Daily Telegraph" writes that the Council's declaration should dispose of a great deal of the irresponsible tendentious talks about a "negotiated peace" and remove any doubt about the completeness and solidarity of the Anglo-French alliance.

No Negotiated Peace

The "Daily Mail" says that yesterday's meeting was the final reply to all attempts to sow discord between Britain and France.

The "Daily Express" writes that it is right and proper that the allies should proclaim that change in Government in France will mean no change in the Anglo-French Co-operation.

The "News Chronicle" observes that declaration makes clear to the world the intention of Britain and France to remain Allies in peace as well as war.—Reuter.

WELLES SATISFIED WITH HIS TOUR

But Washington Not Optimistic About Peace

WASHINGTON, March 28.

Shortly after Mr. Sumner Welles' arrival at Washington President Roosevelt received his report on his fact-finding tour.

High officials here expressed the opinion that little optimism regarding possibilities of peace will be felt following Mr. Welles' tour.

Nevertheless, Mr. Welles is apparently satisfied with the results of his journey. He stated that he had every opportunity given, to get the information for which he was sent. Beyond this he refused to comment.

Mr. Welles conferred briefly with Mr. Cordell Hull and then both went to White House to deliver the report.—Reuter.

SAFEGUARDS TO MINORITIES

Sind Premier's Assurance On Floor Of House

KARACHI, March 29.

The censure motion against the new Sind Ministry in the form of one rupee cut in the Civil Expenditure Supplementary Budget was withdrawn by Pirzada Abdussattar, ex-Parliamentary Secretary and the demand was passed in the Assembly this morning.

The withdrawal of the cut motion was followed by an important declaration made by Mr. Bundeali Khan Talpur, the Premier, on the floor of the House that the Government would implement all the 25 points about the safety of the Minority community.

The announcement was received with satisfaction by all groups of the House and even Khan Bahadur Allahbux ex-Premier, Sir Ghulam Hussain Hidayatulla, ex-Minister and their supporters gave the hint that they would join the Ministerial party if the Ministry carried these terms.—United Press.

No Confidence Move In Burma Legislature

RANGOON, March 29.

Two no-confidence motions which were given notice of yesterday, were placed to-day before the House of Representatives, when 48 members stood in support.

The Speaker fixed April 2 for discussion of the same. The House also appointed a Committee to enquire into the allegations of bribery and corruption among the members over buying and selling of votes in the House.

The Forest Minister accused the Opposition and this led to the holding of a secret session resulting in the formation of the Committee.—United Press.

SCENE IN PUNJAB ASSEMBLY

Congress Member Walks Out

LAHORE, March 29.

The question hour in the Legislative Assembly provided a diversion to-day when Lala Dunichand (Congress) withdrew from the House, following acrimonious exchange of words between him and the Speaker.

Lala Dunichand asked supplementaries arising out of the reply given by the Parliamentary Secretary regarding the riot in the Ambala Jail in December 1939, but there was no reply to his repeated supplementaries.

The Speaker called for the next question. Lala Dunichand however, insisted repeating his supplementaries. A controversy followed in which the Opposition leader pointed out that unless a member was allowed to stand up, how was it possible for him to catch the Speaker's eye.

The Speaker said he was not against the member standing up for having his say, but he would not allow his ruling to be questioned.

Lala Duni Chand at this stage said that if the Chair was not generous enough to admit that he was within his rights, he would withdraw from the House as a protest.

The Speaker took exception to this remark and named the member in question, who left the Chamber.—United Press.

LONDON.—An Admiralty communique announce that one enemy aircraft attacked one of our convoys in the North Sea yesterday evening and dropped five bombs doing no damage.

FUTURE OF KHAKSARS

New Leader Elected At Meeting At U. P. Muslim League Chief's House

MEERUT, Mar. 29.

A meeting of the Khaksar Salars from different parts of the country was held here last evening.

The meeting, it is believed, appointed Nawab Bahadur Yar Jung of Hyderabad (Dn.) Amir in place of Allamma Mashraqi.

The meeting was held at the instance of Nawab Bahadur Yar Jung and all Provincial Commanders of the Khaksar organisations and other officials were present including Commanders from Baluchistan, the Frontier Province, Sind, Bengal, Punjab, Burma, the Central and other provinces. The meeting was held "in camera" at the residence of Nawab Ismail Khan, M.L.A. President of the U. P. Provincial Muslim League. The building was guarded by local Khaksar volunteers in uniform and armed with "belchas".

The meeting lasted for three and a half hours and at the conclusion of it no official statement was issued to the Press. Some of the Commanders later stated that their central organisation was still continuing and they had obtained instructions for their line of action. Regarding their future programme they said that they would depend greatly on the attitude the Government adopts towards the Khaksar movement.

Nawab Bahadur Yar Jung left this morning for Delhi to consult Mr. Jinnah.—A. P.

Khaksar Pamphlets Forfeited

PESHAWAR, March 29.

The Governor of the Frontier Province has declared forfeited to His Majesty under the Indian Press Emergency Act of 1931 all copies, wherever found, of the Khaksar pamphlet in Urdu entitled "Khitab".—A. P.

Two More Khaksars Arrested

LAHORE, March 29.

Two more Khaksars who arrived here to-day from Sind were arrested by the railway police at the Lahore railway station.—A. P.

FATAL ASSAULT AT ALLAHABAD

ALLAHABAD, March 29.

A number of shops in the city are open but the general situation continues to cause some anxiety.

A further case of stray assault was reported from the Muthiganj Area. The victim died almost on the spot. Police vigilance is continuing.—A. P.

RUMANIA'S FIRM STAND

Trade Negotiations With Germany

BUCHAREST, March 29.

German Economic Delegation led by Clodius has not yet obtained decision on any major issues of the trade negotiations.

The Rumanian delegation are understood to be taking a firm stand and the Nazis are working much more slowly this time than during similar negotiations six months ago.

The question of petrol has at present only been touched upon. —Reuter.

HUGE SALES OF U. S. PLANES TO ALLIES

WASHINGTON, March 29

Brigadier-General Marshall, Chief of Staff, revealed that the United States Army's goal of 5500 aeroplanes by 30/6/41 has been postponed for two or three years in consequence of the huge sales to the Allies.

He added that the sales had so stimulated production that a further large expansion was unnecessary. Moreover the War Department had decided to watch the developments in Europe avoiding stocking up of aeroplanes which might shortly be obsolete. —Reuter.

NEW DELHI, March 29.

Yesterday was the hottest day in Delhi so far this year, the maximum reaching ninety-one degrees. Sharp showers have checked the rising temperature in recent weeks and kept down the dust, but yesterday there was no such relief.—A. P.

Ban On Lok Parishad

Arrest Of Seven Members In Jodhpur

JODHPUR, Mar. 29.

Seven members of the Lok Parishad have been arrested by the Jodhpur Police and interned

By an order of His Highness-in-Council, which was promulgated this morning, the Lok Parishad and all its branches and affiliated associations have been declared unlawful in accordance with a former notice dated March 5, 1932.—A. P.

"Jay Cutch" Banned In Cutch

(From Our Correspondent)

BHUJ, March 29.

The extraordinary issue of Cutch Gazette just published, announces a ban on the "Jay Cutch", a leading Cutchi Weekly, edited by Mr. Fulshanker Patni at Bombay from entering Cutch. Those contravening are liable to a fine of 500 Kories and, or four months' imprisonment.

No Separate Electorates To Muslims

BOMBAY, March 29.

The Publicity Officer Indore State in a telegram to the Associated Press says that with regard to the recently announced reforms in Indore, no separate electorates are given to Muslims. Out of the 34 elected seats four candidates for the same will be only nominated by Muslim voters and will be elected by joint electorates.—A. P.

LIBERALS AND THE CONGRESS II

(Continued from page 6)

tion. My grounds for holding this view are briefly these:—

1. In choosing the Ministers in the Cabinet to represent minorities, Congress followed in the circumsances a wrong procedure. Not that warnings were not given. Even before the formation of the Provincial Cabinets an Anglo-Indian journal wrote:

"The Congress cannot wish to widen the gulf between itself and all minorities. But it will be doing nothing less if there is persistence in demanding the Congress pledge from any Ministers taken into the cabinet to represent the minorities."

Sir Chimanlal Setalvad also had made it clear in his presidential address to the Liveral Federation at Calcutta that attempts should be made to secure a Muslim Minister from the Muslim League Party in the legislature with the only condition that he agreed to the legislative programme of the Congress. But the Congress insistence on the pledge and their talk of Muslim mass-contact movement did only alienate the vast majority of the Muslim community.

2. Then again the Congress Party got its head turned by the vast majorities it commanded, in the Legislative Chambers. It had not the courtesy to listen to the voice of the other groups, nor even the patience to follow the well-known democratic conventions of legislation. On the question of the Tenancy Bill, for example, the Liberal Conference and many associations in the Province pleaded for the appointment of a Committee of Enquiry which would have suggested remedies.

But the Congress Government turned a deaf ear. In all countries, when legislation on socio-economic questions is to be undertaken, a Committee of experts is the first step. But here it appeared that the Congress Party knew all the facts and knew also all the required measures. They had no use for expert study or suggestions from others.

3. Thirdly, Congress Government did not give a fair deal to the Second Chambers. It is true no one wanted the Second Chambers. But if they were introduced, it should have been at least remembered that they comprised members elected by the public who had some stake in the country. Perhaps to keep up the fiction that the Congress entered the Legislature to wreck the Act, they poured forth all their wrath on these Second Chambers. Thus instead of opposing the British Government, they only treated representatives of the classes with contempt. There was provision in the Act for the appointment of Joint (Select) Committees to consider vital bill. But the Congress Government would not have anything to do with it. Further the composition of most of the Committees appointed by Government was confined mostly to the Assemblies and Council members were ignored.

(To Be Continued)

LEADERS AS VOLUNTEERS

Jawaharlal On Objects Of Naini Congress Training Camp

ALLAHABAD March 28

"Business combined with leisure is the keynote of the ten days training camp at Naini in which Congress leaders from all over the Province are expected to participate with a number of tents nestling along a vista of shady trees.

This camp we hope will be a pleasant change in the lives of busy politicians and the like and will make them somewhat fitter for their jobs" said Pandit Nehru in an interview to the Associated Press explaining the objects of the camp.

He continued: "secondly such a camp of important Congressmen will give a fillip to the Congress Seva Dal in the province. thirdly, the camp will provide senior Congressmen some elementary training in volunteering, so that they might take a greater and more intelligent interest in the development of volunteer movement. Fourthly, we want to remove psychological barrier between the so-called leaders and the volunteers and make them feel that they are all comrades.

Lastly, apart from the drill and physical culture the members of the council of the U. P. C. C. who come here will have plenty of time to discuss the various problems in leisurely way without being hurried."

A meeting of the council of the U. P. C. C. will also be held during the period of the camp in order to discuss many aspects of the political and economic problems.

A busy programme from five in the morning till nine in the night comprising of an early morning parade, physical culture and first aid lessons, one hour's practice at spinning and games like volley ball, cricket and Kabaddi has been drawn up for the camp.

Time for discussions on the present day problems has also been scheduled for each day. There is a suggestion to start a literacy class for the neighbouring villages.—A. P.

NAZI PLANES OVER BELGIUM

BRUSSELLS, March 28.

Belgian anti-aircraft guns fired on foreign planes which flew over Belgium several times in the morning.

Two planes were identified as German.—Reuter.

BERLIN ADMITS LOSS OF TWO NAZI 'PLANES

BERLIN, March 29.

The official German News Agency admits that two planes failed to return from reconnaissance flights over North Sea, France, Orkneys and Shetland Islands yesterday.

The Agency claims that several hits were obtained in a bombing attack on a British convoy off the Shetlands yesterday evening and a successful attack was made on a French destroyer in the channel.—Reuter.

BRITISHERS INTERCEPT AMERICAN PLANE

NEW YORK, March 29.

The Pan-American Airways announced that some mail was taken by the British authorities from the westbound Atlantic Clipper when she made an unscheduled halt at Bermuda this morning, but no force was used.

The passengers stated that the plane's Captain made a formal protest when submitting to seizure.—Reuter.

German Assurance To U. S. Navy

WASHINGTON, March 29

The State department officials disclosed that high German Naval officials have assured the United States' Naval Attache in Berlin that United States ships anywhere on the seas would be respected if they were not bound for Allied ports.—Repter

LUCKNOW, March 28.

One of the ways in which India can help in the present war is by giving liberally to war charities. This point was emphasised by the Governor of the U. P. at a public meeting held to raise funds for the Red Cross and St. John Ambulance Association.—A. P.

NEW DELHI, March 29.

It is notified that the Chief Commissioner Delhi, has appointed Mr. G. K. S. Sarma, Financial Adviser to the Chief Commissioner, to be a member of the New Delhi Municipal Committee in place of Mr. Sen Gupta who had resigned. —A. P.

Qualifications For Satyagrahis

A. I. C. C. Circulates Form Of Pledge To Provincial Congress Committees

ALLAHABAD, March 29.

The All-India Congress Committee Office has circularised today to all Provincial Congress Committees a prescribed form of pledge to be taken by all Satyagrahis willing to enrol themselves as active Satyagrahis. The age of Satyagrahis should be above 18 years. The form is to be addressed to the Satyagraha or Congress Committee concerned.

The pledge is in the following form:—

I desire to enrol myself as an active Satyagrahi. I solely declare that

(1) So long as I remain an active Satyagrahi. I shall remain non-violent in word and deed and shall earnestly endeavour to be non-violent in intent since non-violence alone can help and result in the attainment of Purna Swaraj and consolidation of unity among all races and communities of India whether Hindu, Muslim, Sikh, Parsi, Christian or Jew;

(2) I believe and shall endeavour always to promote such unity:

(3) I believe in the justice and necessity of removing the evil of untouchability and shall on all possible occasions seek personal contact with and endeavour to render service to submerged classes;

(4) I believe in Swadeshi as an essential for India's economic, political and moral salvation and shall use hand-spun and hand-woven Khaddar to the exclusion of every other cloth. I shall so far as possible, use the produce of hand and will help village industries;

(5) I shall spin regularly.

(6) I shall carry out the instructions of my superior officers and all rules and regulations not inconsistent with the spirit of this pledge prescribed by any superior Congress organisation or the Working Committee or any other agency established by the Congress.

(7) I am prepared to suffer imprisonment or even death for the sake of the cause and my country without resentment;

(8) In the event of my imprisonment, I shall not claim from the Congress any support for myself, my family and dependents.

SECRETARY'S LETTER.

Acharya Kripalani, the General Secretary of the Congress, has enclosed a circular letter with the form of pledge in the course of which he says: "At Ramgarh Mahatma Gandhi was assured that the country was ready for fight. The only thing needed was the word of command. I have no doubt that this is a prevalent feeling in the country. In that case, given the will for Satyagraha, there should be no difficulty in fulfilling the conditions laid down by our leader. Let every man and woman feel that he or she is already in jail. Let them combine under a Congress organisation or a Satyagraha Association or a sabha or establish ashrams, shibirs and camps where the members carry out the daily routine programme that is prescribed.

"Let us even from now suspend our private normal activities and devote ourselves to the work of preparation. In such shibirs, ashrams or camps additional items of work may be undertaken such as volunteering and first aid to the injured. Let such camps continue till the inmates find themselves in jail. Let the camps be conducted with much voluntary restraint and simplicity of life as are the compulsory lot of a Satyagrahi after he is convicted and finds himself in jail.

"If this is done an order to march may be given inside of one month as Gandhiji hopes"—United Press.

REMOVE BAN ON SUBHAS, NARIMAN AND KHARE

Nagpur Forward Bloc's Appeal To Gandhiji

NAGPUR, March 28.

An appeal to the Congress President and Mahatma Gandhi to remove the bans imposed upon "Trusted and tried" leaders like Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose, Mr. K. F. Nariman and Dr. N. B. Khare, and to restore unity in the Congress, was made at a meeting of the Nagpur Nagar Forward Bloc, held last night under the presidentship of Mr. R. S. Ruikar.

The meeting was confident that in view of the "grave and serious crisis through which India is passing to-day", Mr. Bose, Mr. Nariman and Dr. Khare would also exert their influence in favour of restoring unity in the Congress ranks.—A. P.

AHRARS TO JOIN CONGRESS STRUGGLE

AHMEDABAD, March 29.

A declaration that the Ahrars were ready to participate in the Congress struggle for freedom was made at a meeting of the local Ahrars held last night.

The speakers appealed to the Muslims to take to the spinning wheel.—A. P.

Speculation In Delhi Official Circles

(From Our Correspondent)

ALLAHABAD, March 28.

News reaching here from New Delhi indicates that the Viceroy's attitude towards Gandhiji has somewhat stiffened since their last meeting.

It is said, there is a feeling in certain high official circles, that the Viceroy was almost "let down" by Gandhiji after raising certain hopes of settlement between the Congress and Government.

Gandhiji's declaration to the effect that the Viceroy's speech contained "germs of settlement" appeared to have raised nigh hopes of settlement. The breakdown of talks in New Delhi, therefore, caused sore disappointment, and the Viceroy, it is reported, had keenly felt that he was outmanceuvred by Gandhiji.

A difficult position has arisen, and chances of an early Gandhi-Viceroy meeting are not considered bright. Speculation, however, is rife whether Mahatma, as a true Satyagrahi, will himself take the initiative in meeting the Viceroy again, if the latter refuses to take initiative.

CONGRESS CABINET MEETING

ALLAHABAD, March 29.

The General Secretary of the Congress announces that the next meeting of the Congress Working Committee will be held at Wardha on April 15 and subsequent days.—United Press.

THREE-HOUR TALK WITH MAHATMA

"C. R." Leaves For Madras

WARDHAGANJ, March 29.

Mr. C. Rajagopalachariar had three hours' talk with Gandhiji at Sewagram this afternoon when, it is learnt, the present situation in the country was discussed. He left for Madras at night.

Mr. Mahadeo Desai, left for Calcutta to call on Mr. C. F. Andrews, who was recently operated upon in hospital.

Mr. G. D. Birla left for Delhi. Prior to his departure he held consultations with Seth Jamnalal Bajaj on matters relating to Jaipur.—A. P.

CONGRESS PRESIDENT FOR ALLAHABAD

CALCUTTA, March 29.

The "United Press" has been authorised to announce that Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the Congress President, will leave for Allahabad to-morrow by the Delhi Mail. He will be accompanied by Dr. Ashraf and Mr. Ajmal Khan, his Secretaries.

Maulana Azad will inspect the office of the All-India Congress Committee at Allahabad and consult the General Secretary about the reorganisation of the same.

The Maulana will stay at Allahabad for two or three days whereafter, as at present arranged, he will return to Calcutta.—United Press.

WASHINGTON March 29

President Roosevelt has signed a bill increasing the maximum penalty for espionage to ten years imprisonment and a fine of 10.000 dollars instead of two years imprisonment and a fine of two thousand dollars.—Reuter.

The Half-Column By "Dim"

I begin the half-column with a correction and an apology. In my enthusiasm to pay a compliment and a very deserved compliment to one of our lady fliers —Mrs. Gadgil of Karachi—on obtaining an "A" licence for flying, I went on to repeat what I read elsewhere, viz., that she was the first Indian lady to achieve this distinction. I am wrong because many years ago Lady Petit and her sister, Dabe Tata, achieved this distinction and while I do not want to withdraw the praise lavished on Mrs. Gadgil, I feel the necessity for a correction, for in such an undeveloped field of activity I should not have forgotten so early those who were almost pioneers.

At the magician's final performance in Bombay several distinguished persons were to be seen gracing the show with their presence. In the boxes on the sides sat the Congress and the Princes. In the front row dance teachers, nawabs and jewellers, not to mention several Italians who like confetti were strewn all over the house.

The Censor is only interested in the mail. The Census is interested in both males and females. Copyright Reserved.

Special News from Hollywood says that the new Lewis Bromfield book, now appearing in the Cosmopolitan will be filmed. And one of Bombay's very popular citizens may be its Technical Adviser. Good for you, little girl.

Apropos the Red Cross, Herr Goebbels says that he will have nothing to do with it till its edges are like the Swastika slightly bent.

RIOTS IN DERA ISMAIL KHAN

Asaf Ali Committee's Report

PESHAWAR, March 29.

The Frontier Government have released to-day the report of the Inquiry Committee on the Dera Ismailkhan riot of February 2 1939. The members of the Committee are Mr. Asaf Ali, M.L.A. (Central) (President) and Lala Hukumchand.

The members of the Committee detailing the circumstances of the riot remarked: "While we are analysing the facts of the situation, we cannot help remarking that but for this shot, the more serious consequences of a riot (which under no circumstances can be considered in the most attenuated form even remotely justifiable) could have been avoided."

The Report runs 80 printed pages and deals with the conduct of the officials. The members further remarked: "We must however express our inability to understand the failure of the Deputy Commissioner and the Superintendent of Police to think of promulgating an order under Section 144 Cr.P.C. prohibiting the carrying of arms etc. or collection of more than five persons except for religious functions, soon after January 31."

The Report also makes certain recommendations to prevent such incidents.

The members, 'inter alia' made the important recommendation that the Government may be pleased to adopt the strictest possible measures, maintain the highest standard of impartiality among Government servants wherever they may be, in police or elsewhere, and deal with promptly and adequately every instance of the slightest departure from this standard.—United Press.

Participation In War Without Freedom Won't Benefit India

ALL-INDIA T. U. C. EXECUTIVE PROTESTS AGAINST ARREST OF LABOUR LEADERS

Resolutions condemning the policy of the Government of India and the Provincial Governments in arresting Labour leaders under the Defence of India Ordinance and demanding the application of the principles of democracy and freedom to India were adopted at a meeting of the members of the General Council of the All-India Trade Union Congress held at the Servants of India Society on Friday. Mr. Jamnadas Mehta, the Vice-President of the A.I.T.U.C. presided.

As the requisite quorum was not available, the resolutions would be adopted after circulation to the members.

Many of the members from outside of Bombay intimated the Council that the general strike situation prevailing everywhere in regard to the fight launched for war., dearness allowance prevented them from attending the meeting.

Only 20 members out of the total strength of 87 were present at the meeting. Those who attended included delegates from Akola, Nagpur and Calcutta. The members had informal talks and adopted five draft resolutions. The meeting congratulated the Bombay Textile strikers and wished them success in their struggle.

It also considered the condition brought about by war in regard to the standard of living and pledged the support of the Council to struggles launched by affiliated unions for the protection of the working class standard of living.

GENERAL SECRETARY.

The Council also protested against the arrest of its General Secretary, Mr. S. V. Parulekar. Mr. N. M. Joshi was requested to act as General Secretary in his place.

DELEGATE TO GENEVA.

Regarding the question of sending a working class delegate this year to the International Labour Conference at Geneva, the Council, protested against the procedure of dropping the sending of the adviser with the delegate this year as was the case all these years with the Government of India.

The 'Federation Group' were requested to nominate the requisite delegate.

A Sub-Committee was also appointed to consider the applications of new unions for affiliation to the A. I. T. U. C.

The following are the draft-resolutions which would be adopted after circulation.

Draft Resolutions

The General Council of the A. I. T. U. C. strongly protests against the arrest of Mr. S. V. Parulekar, acting general secretary of the A.I.T.U.C., by the Government of Bombay under Sections 124-A and 153 of the I.P.C.

PROTEST AGAINST ARRESTS.

The General Council of the A. I. T. U. C. strongly condemns the policy followed by the Government of India and by the Provincial Governments in putting under restraint or in prosecuting under the Defence of India Act or the Indian Penal Code, or with or without judicial trial, some of the leading persons in the trade union movement on allegations of their anti-war and other activities.

INDIA AND WAR.

As the present war between Great Britain and France on one side and Germany on the other, is claimed by Britain and France to be waged for the vindication of the principle of freedom and democracy and not for any imperialist purposes, it is only natural that India without having any sympathy for Germany, would claim for herself freedom and democratic Government before she can be expected to take part in the war. Participation in war which is not likely to result in the freedom of the people of India will not benefit India, much less will it benefit the working classes of India.

DEARNESS ALLOWANCE.

As since the declaration of the war prices of articles in India, especially prices of articles of daily consumption and other necessaries of life have gone up considerably, the General Council resolves that the trade union movement in the country should make immediate and vigorous efforts to secure substantial increases in wages of the workers of the country and the General Council declares its readiness to support the affiliated unions in their efforts for the protection of the working class standard of living. The Comcil regrets that the employers in the country , including Government, have shown bitter disregard of the miseries brought about by the rise in the cost of living by refusing adequate increase in the wages.

BOMBAY STRIKERS CONGRATULATED.

The General Council congratulates the textile workers of Bombay on the successful progress of the strike in which they are at present engaged and lends its support to them in their just demands. The Council condemns the action of Bombay Government in placing unjustified restrictions on the legitimate activities of the workers on strike and in putting under restraint some of the leaders of the strike. The General Council wishes the strikers full measure of success in their just struggle.

LEADERS WARN WORKERS

Mr. N. M. Joshi and Mr. R. S. Nimbkar, Secretary of the Girni Kamgar (Red Flag) Union saw Mr. Mathuradas Tricumji, this morning. It is understood that the strike situation was discussed by them.

Special significance is being attached to the talks, in view of the fact that Mr. Mathuradas Tricumji is the leader of the Congress Party in the Bombay Municipal Corporation and a Congress candidate for the mayoral chair, the election being fixed for April 1.

With a perfectly peaceful atmosphere prevailing in Naigaum, Police attention was shifted this morning to the DeLisle Road, Lalbaugh and Kalachowkie sections. Five arrests were made in all in these sections by the Police for alleged contravention of the Police Commissioner's orders.

Picketing at the mili-gates is being kept up by the volunteers. Although the labour circles feel that the strike situation, from their point of view, has not shown signs of worsening, it is felt that the chawl to chawl propaganda must be continued.

Warnings are being daily given to the workers that any attempt on their part to deviate from the peaceful course that the labour leaders have chosen to pursue at present, may invite trouble in maintaining the solidarity of the strike.

As a sequel to the application made by the Indian Woollen Mill whose operatives are on strike since March 4, to declare the strike illegal, notices have been issued on the workers to-day and the hearing will begin on April 2, at the Industrial Court.

There was a marked change in the North of Bombay. People moved freely on the roads. Except for one arrest at Dharavi, there was no untoward happening.

About 300 recruits whose services were requisitioned by the Textile Mills, Naga Sayaji Wadi, are reported to have downed tools at noon, due to differences with the management regarding the payment of wages.

With regard to to-day's attendance in mills, the Millowners representatives claim that the total attendance at the mills to-day is 27,000. They claim that seven mills are working with a full complement and 20 others with a complement ranging between 20 and 70 per cent.

Referring to this claim a G.K.U. official said that the attendance 'n mills is multiplying in a progressive manner, from day to day, in the imagination of the millowners. This imaginary attendance, however, he thought, will not help the mills to turn out realistic cloth.

STRIKE RELIEF COMMITTEE

A public meeting is being convened under the auspices of the Strike Relief Committee at the Elavatsky Lodge on Sunday when Messrs. S. A. Brelvi, Yusuf Meherally, Miss Godavaribai Gokhale and Mrs. Maniben Mulji will address the meeting.

MILLOWNERS' EXPLANATION

Referring to the developments in the Textile Mill at Nagu Sayaji Wadi, the Millowners' Association states:—

"The Textile Mills, Parel, which was working fully this (Friday) morning did not work this afternoon. Investigations show that false rumours had been spread during the morning in the Weaving Department that, instead of being paid a dear food allowance of Rs. 3-4-0 per month, or 2 annas per day, the mills had decided to pay only Re. 1 per month to weavers and Annas 8 per month to helpers. There was absolutely no truth whatsoever in this rumour, but temporarily it was apparently believed, and the weavers therefore were not prepared to work in the afternoon, and when the Spinning Department saw the weavers leaving the weaving shed, they became frightened and left the mills.

STRIKER FINED

A fine of Rs. 10 was imposed by a bench of honorary magistrates at Dadar on Gangaram Laxman, a striker, who was arrested on a charge of disorderly behaviour at DeLisle Road yesterday. Two others who were arrested in the same connection were acquitted.

PUT DOWN IT WITH STERN HANDS

Jinnah's Scheme Contains Germs Of Civil War, Says Bhopatkar

POONA, March 26.

"Mr. Jinnah's demands of dividing India being manifestly absurd must be put down with a stern hand and heart both by the Hindus and the British Government. The demand is not only highly anti-national and undemocratic in nature but contains the seeds of future civil war.

"Personally I shall not be surprised in the least if in his next speech he comes out with a scheme of establishing the Muslim Raj over the whole of India," says Mr. L. B. Bhopatkar, working president of the Hindu Mahasabha in the course of a statement commenting on the Muslim Leagues recent decision on the bifurcation of India.—A. P.

MUSLIM NAVJAVANS OPPOSE PAKISTAN

Congress Demand For Constituent Assembly Supported

AHMEDABAD, March 29.

Resolutions expressing confidence in Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, supporting the Congress demand for a Constituent Assembly to frame the constitution of India and opposing the Muslim League scheme for the partition of India were passed at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Muslim Navjavan Party.—A. P.

Liquidate League!

Founder Of Pakistan Movement Upsets Jinnah's Applecart

NEW DELHI, March 29.

distinct nationhood and link our district nationhood and link our national domains to one another we must create a new institution that will inspire the Millat and impress the world", says Mr. C. Rahmat Ali, founder-president of Pakistan National Movement in the course of a statement to the Press.

He adds: "at the moment the only central organisation of the Millat is the All-India Muslim League, but its very name bears the stamp of "Indianism." He, therefore, pleads for the dissolution of the League in its present form and the recreation in its place a League of the Asiatic Nations of Pakistan, Bengal and Usmanistan.

After explaining the fundamental objects of the movement in detail, Mr. Rahmit Ali states: "No constitution whether inspired by the Gandhian spirit of Indian nationalism, or by the Gladstonian school of British Imperialism, or both—can ever be acceptable to Muslims unless it is based upon the fullest recognition of Muslim rights.—A. P.

"COMMON HINDU INDIA, AN IMPOSSIBILITY"

Dravidians Must Have Separate State, Says Mr. Naicker

MADRAS, March 28.

Mr. Jinnah's arguments for partition are cogent and unassailable and there is nothing wrong in that claim, says Mr. E. V. Ramaswami Naicker, President of South Indian Liberal Federation (Justice Party), in the course of a statement.

He states that Mr. Jinnah's scheme of a separate State for the Muslims in India is to be viewed as a way of settling the baffling problem of Hindus versus Muslims.

Mr. Naicker adds that while the Muslims of India can have a separate State in India the Hindus as a whole cannot, for there are distinct natural nationalities in what is loosely termed as the Hindu fold.

The four crore and odd Dravidians have nothing in common with the so-called Hindu tenets and Mr. Naicker feels that a demand for a separate Dravidian State should be made even as Mr. Jinnah demands a Muslim India.

"A common Hindu India is an impossibility and if artificially arranged it will certainly mean the Brahmanical imperialism which we Dravidians are determined to fight tooth and nail."—A. P.

ISPAHANI ON MR. BAIG'S STATEMENT

BOMBAY, March 29.

Mr. M. M. S. Ispahani, Secretary of the Bombay Provincial Muslim League, has issued the following:—

In connection with Mr. R. A. Baig's statement recently made by him regarding the resolution passed at the Lahore Sessions of the All-India Muslim League respecting the proposed Partition of India into Hindu and Muslim States, I have to state that no one disputes Mr. Baig's right to hold the views that he does. However one must be a member of an organisation to be able to resign from it. Mr. Baig was not a member of the Bombay Provincial Muslim League or any organisation thereof long before he issued the statement.—United Press.

KARACHI, March 29.

Increased cultivation of cotton crop in the Sukkur Barrage zone is expected as a result of the rise in the price of cotton due to the war, according to the Chief Engineer in Sind.

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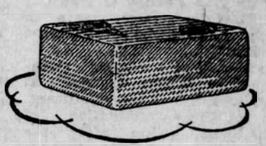

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Around The Courts

BOMBAY, Friday.

STRIKERS ON TRIAL

Ahamed Chedda and Ashakalli were arrested for alleged assault on 'loyalist' workers, by the Lamington Road Police, yesterday.

A Sub-Inspector of Police applying for the remand observed, "It is common knowledge that during the strike some workers attend the work and they are called loyalists. This attitude of the loyalists is not liked by the strikers and their hirelings who try to put a stop to the work so that their aims can be achieved."

It seems that some workers attended work in Madhavji Dharamsey Mill at Foras Road yesterday.

They were attacked later in the evening. Police who were on the spot arrested the accused.

The accused were ordered to be bailed out at the Girgaum Court.

ANOTHER PRIMUS STOVE FATALITY

A verdict of death due to extensive burns accidentally sustained from a Primus Stove was recorded by the City Coroner today at the inquest on the body of Kantabai Bhailal (25).

It was stated that Kantabai's sari caugth fire while she was preparing tea on the stove yesterday afternoon. She sustained burns all over her body and was removed to the J. J. Hospital where she died.

TRIAL OF MR. OAK OPENS

The case against Mr. L. K. Oak, Secretary of the B. B. and C. I. Railwaymen's Union, under the Defence of India Rules commenced to-day before Mr. Oscar Brown, Presidency Magistrate, Third Court.

The prosecution case was that the accused delivered a speech on January 26, at Vincent Cross Road at a meeting of the Railway workers, which offended against certain sections of the Defence of India Rules. Mr. R. P. Thanawala, Police Prosecutor, contended that the accused in his speech not only criticised the railways for not granting dearness allowance but also commented on British imperialism in a manner likely to be prejudicial to the defence of British India and the efficient conduct of the war. The speech, the prosecutor stated, contravened Rule 38, sub-section 5 of the Defence of India Rules. The accused was therefore charged accordingly.

Inspector S. S. Navalkar, Sub-Inspector S. H. Hansraj and Mr. Barni, Senior Urdu translator to the Government of Bombay, gave evidence for the prosecution.

A copy of the speech alleged to have been delivered by the accused was put in as an exhibit.

Mr. M. N. Chhtrapati defended the accused.

The case stands adjourned to April 15.

DEAD BODY AT MARINE DRIVE

The dead body of an unidentified Hindu male was found washed ashore at Marine Drive this morning. Some abrasions were noticed on the face of the man which may be due to the body having dashed against the rocks. The body has been sent to the J. J. Hospital Morgue for post mortem examination.

CHILD'S FATAL FALL FROM WINDOW.

A verdict of accidental death was recorded by the City Coroner to-day at the inquest on the body of Kashibai, a three-year-old child who fell down from a window of the first floor of a building at Khaswa Gulli yesterday.

BREACH OF TRUST CHARGE AGAINST ADVERTISING FIRM'S PARTNER AND MANAGER.

Stanley Marcus Standage, one of the partners of Temple, Thomas and Standage Ltd., and Lawrence Dennis Hudson, General Manager, were placed to-day before the Presidency Magistrate, Third Court on charges of cheating and criminal breach of trust in respect of Rs. 9,000.

The accused were arrested yesterday and released on bail.

The police, in applying for an extension of the bail period stated, before the Magistrate, that the accused advertised for a Cashier Accountant in September last and F. D'Souza Tiklo applied for the same. He received a letter signed by the second accused calling for an interview. The complainant went to the accused's office on September 21, when he was told by the second accused that though there were several applicants for the post, he had stood a good chance of being appointed. He was asked to call again at the office on September 26.

He had one more interview with the second accused when he was informed that he would be appointed if he could deposit Rs. 4,000. The complainant agreeing paid the sum to the second accused and received a receipt signed by the first accused and attested by the second accused together with a letter of appointment.

The police further stated that the complainant started work from October 16, and continued to do so till March 1, when the office was suddenly closed. The complainant then demanded the return of his deposit but the accused did not return the same.

Concluding the police stated that similar allegations against the accused were made by D'Mello, who worked as a confidential clerk in the office. The accused are alleged to have taken from him Rs. 5,000.

The Magistrate allowed the police application extending the bail period.

ALLEGED ASSAULT ON TALKIE MANAGER

Mohamed Umar and three other persons were arrested by the Lamington Road Police on the charge of assaulting the Manager of the Minerva Talkies yesterday.

It seems the accused demanded more than one ticket each but were refused because they were 'ticket-sellers.' The result, it is stated, was an assault on the complainant by all the accused who freely used their fists as well as chairs.

The accused were allowed bail at the Girgaum Court.

Phirozshah Sorabji Mistry and three others were arrested for alleged assault on some persons who wanted to buy tickets at a Minerva show yesterday on the plea that they were 'ticket-sellers.'

It was stated that the accused assaulted the complainant in the case and two others with knives and Edipolo sticks.

Accused were allowed bail at the Girgaum Court.

PARTIES COME TO TERMS

Suit Against The Mullaji Saheb Settled

MARRIAGE DECLARED VALID

(Before the Hon. Mr. Justice B. J. Wadia)

Fatimabai Abdealli Tyabji ..... Plaintiff.

v.

1. His Holiness the Mullaji Saheb of the Dawoodi Bohras; 2. S. S. Saifuddin, the Amil & Representative of His Holiness .. Defendants.

And

Abdealli Amiruddin Tyebji ..... Plaintiff.

v.

1. His Holiness the Mullaji Saheb of the Dawoodi Bohras; 2. S. S. Saifuddin, the Amil & Representative of His Holiness .. Defendants.

These were two sister suits filed to obtain a declaration of the validity of the plaintiffs' marriage and for Rs. 50,000 by way of damages for defamation on the imputation of unchastity in alleging in correspondence that it was a sin for the Plaintiffs in the two suits to co-habit without being lawfully married.

The plaintiff and her husband were Shiah members of the Dawoodi Bohra community, whose religious head was Defendant No. 1.

The plaintiffs in the two suits were married to each other on 25th February, 1937 by a Muslim Kazi in the presence of two witnesses. Two children have been born of this marriage. The plaintiffs averred that in spite of repeated requests Defendant No. 1 refused to officiate or to send his deputy to officiate at the said "Nikah" (i.e. marriage), on account of certain indirect motives by which he was actuated, viz. that the Mullaji Saheb wanted the bridegroom's father to settle a certain suit for Rs. 2 lakhs with which he was concerned and secondly that the Mullaji Saheb owed the bridegroom's father a grudge for having advocated the application of the Wakf Act to their community. Defendant No. 1 left for Mecca on a pilgrimage very shortly before the marriage.

The Defendants' contention was "inter alia" that the purported marriage was a nullity because the Kazi who performed the marriage was not a Shiah as the parties to the marriage were that the sanction of the Mullaji Saheb to the marriage was not obtained and that by the principles and tenets of their religion and by the customs and usages of their community "every man has to grow a beard and maintain it."

On the other hand on behalf of the plaintiffs in the two suits it was urged that in Mahomedan Law marriage was a mere contract, which had no religious sanctity behind it (Mulla's Mahomedan Law 11th Edition P. 202) and that the Shariat Act ruled out all questions of custom and so the only law applicable to the case was the Muslim Personal Law according which the marriage was valid.

COURT PASSES DECREE

After a very protracted hearing extending well over a fortnight in the course of which several determined efforts at settlement were made on either side the parties at last came to terms yesterday, and the court passed the following decree:—

On the plaintiff Fatimabai and the other plaintiff Abdeali stating that though they were born Dawoodi Bohras, they believed in God and His prophet Mohamed only and did not owe allegiance to the Mullaji Saheb on the 25th February, 1937 and the Mullaji Saheb stating that in view of the above statements of the plaintiffs and under the special circumstances of their case he exercised special powers in this particular case and considered the marriage of the plaintiffs as valid and withdrew the letters of 6th April, 1937, written on behalf of the 2nd defendant and of the 2nd August, 1937, written on behalf of the 1st defendant, 'the court declared in invitum that the plaintiff Abdeali's marriage with Fatimabai performed on the 25th February, 1937, is valid as of that date according to the law applicable to the Dawoodi Bohras.'

Thus the curtain was rung on a very memorable case which roused much public interest among the Dawoodi Bohra community which flocked the court throughout the hearing.

The Advocate-General Mr. M. C. Setalvad, with Mr. F. T. Coltman, Mr. P. B. Vatcha and Mr. M. Y. Haindaday instructed by Messrs. Wadia Ghandhy and Co. appeared for the Plaintiff Fatimabai in the first suit.

Mr. P. B. Vatcha with Mr. M. L. Maneksha instructed by Messrs Wadia Ghandhy and Co. appeared for the Plaintiff Abdealli in the second suit.

Sir J. B. Kanga with Mr. V. F. Taraporevala, Mr. B. J. Desai and Mr. D. B. Desai instructed by Messrs Little and Co. appeared for the defendants in both the suits.

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Foreigners

(By JAL R. VIMADALAL)

A foreigner is in law a person who is not a natural-born, British subject or who has not been granted a certificate of naturalisation as a British subject under any existing law.

The Foreigners Act 1940, newly-born on the Indian statute-book, is intended to tighten the chains already existing in the shape of the Foreigners Act 1864 and the Registration of Foreigners Act 1939. The new Act is intended to supplement these two Acts and not to replace them.

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Under the Act of 1864, the Governor-General had the right to order the removal of a foreigner from a particular place, even by a particular route. It also contained a provision enjoining a Foreigner to report his arrival to the Commissioner of Police or to the District Magistrate. The Act of 1939 empowered the Central Government to frame rules as to the reporting of the arrival, presence and departure of a foreigner and as to proof of his identity. The Central Government might further call upon hotel-keepers, masters of ships and pilots of air-craft to disclose all such information as may be required of them.

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The new Act of 1940 goes still further. It is a temporary measure which is to regulate the entry, presence and departure of Foreigners *while the present war lasts and for a period of six months thereafter.* Section 3 (1) of the new Act gives a general power to make orders of that nature. Section 3 (2) lays down particular instances of the exercise of that general power such as —prohibiting the foreigner from associating with certain persons, engaging in certain activities or from possessing certain articles and otherwise regulating his conduct and if necessary requiring him to enter into a bond for those purposes. The Central Government may even arrest and detain or confine such person and may impose conditions for the discipline of such internee. The most novel restriction in the new Act is that which forbids a foreigner from changing his personal or his business name or even altering its spelling. This provision does not, of course, apply to married women.

The New Act sanctions the use of force for enforcing compliance and punishes contravention with imprisonment which may extend to five years and unlimited fine.

Foreigners have been a mixed blessing to India in times of peace. In times of war they are a positive danger. Every Indian dreads the catastrophe that has befallen the West and the new Act is the outward codified expression of that fear. The drastic restrictions it imposes on the private liberties of foreigners are justifiable measures of self-defence in an emergency. Such preventive measures will throttle the menace of "espionage" activities.

Child Welfare Work In The Presidency

The Executive Committee of the Bombay Presidency Infant Welfare Society in the course of the 19th Annual Report of the Society for the year 1939, says:—

The general level of the Welfare and Maternity work in the Centres and the Homes of the Society continues to be maintained at a high level and the increase in some directions shows the appreciation and confidence of the illiterate poor for whom this help is intended.

The activities of the Society fall under seven heads:—

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The maintenance of our former Mofussil Centres has been taken over by the Bombay Mofussil Maternity, Child Welfare and Health Council since the year 1936. Inspite of the increasing handicap of the Society it has generously contributed to its utmost capacity from year to year. The grant to the Centres for this year has been Rs. 5,000.

HEALTH VISITORS' INSTITUTE

The Health Visitors' Institute commenced its fifth year on 12th June 1939, with the admission of eleven students.

Ten of the candidates have passed their Part I Examination and one had received exemption on account of her being a full-trained nurse.

The whole teaching staff of the Institute, excepting the Director, is Honorary and the Committee offer their grateful thanks to them for the interest they have taken in the Institute and for the care with which they have coached the students.

The "Child in the Home" Exhibition was held in December 1939 at the Town Hall where this Institute had arranged a "Nutrition and Personal Hygiene Stall" and the students volunteered to do duty by turns at the stall every day for explaining the exhibits which were much appreciated by the Public.

Distinguished Visitors to Bombay often make it a point of getting acquainted with the Health work in this Presidency and have expressed without exception their admiration for the work carried out by the Society in all its branches.

Japanese Consulate In Karachi

KARACHI, March 29.

A Japanese Consulate will be established in Karachi for the first time with effect from April 1.

Mr. T. Tsurumi, Former Vice-Consul for Japan in Bombay who has been appointed as acting consul for Japan at Karachi, arrived here from Bombay during the last week accompanied by his Secretary and other staff.—A. P

"THE BIG GUY" AT CAPITOL

McLaglen And Jackie Cooper

Scoring for their personal performances in another "Jail-Break" drama. Victor McLaglen and Jackie Cooper, co-star in Universal's "The Big Guy" at the Capitol Theatre. Rarely have these two versatile performers been provided with roles more humanly real, nor more perfectly suited to their talents. They divide honours about evenly. McLaglen, as the prison warden, is torn between the desire to keep a fortune in stolen money, or reveal evidence which would save the life of an innocent youth, Cooper. It is reminiscent of the "The Informer." Cooper, too, displays a naturalness and sincerity which is sure to add to Jackie's prestige as an actor. Seen as the young mechanic innocently involved in a jail break and murder which land him behind prison bars, Jackie plays his role to the hilt.

"The Big Guy" is another of those inevitable prison dramas with an additional human touch. High-lights include scenes in which Cooper accuses the warden, McLaglen, of letting him die to protect McLaglen's stolen fortune; in the jail-break sequence as convicts take the warden along as hostage; at the court trial, and in the climax when McLaglen, mortally wounded, kills a dangerous gunman with his bare hands. Ona Munson is both attractive and convincing as McLaglen's wife and Peggy Moran shows definite promise as the girl friend who fights desperately to save Cooper's life.

DO YOU RECOGNISE THIS YOUNG MAN?—Jackie Cooper, once a child star, now grown up, appears in "The Big Guy" at Capitol.

Time Marches Back

Universal City, Calif.—Taking advantage of "comic license," as he calls it, W. C. Fields has deliberately set himself up as a target for movie-boner detectives in his starring role with Mae West in Universal's "My Little Chickadee."

Although the film is set in the 1880 period, this does not prevent the comedian from making liberal references to modern day racehorses, statesmen and topical events. Each of these anachronisms ties in with a particular situation in the picture.

Nelson Eddy and Ilona Massey in the musical "Balalaika", at the Metro.

Ilona Massey Makes Her Debut In A Musical

"BALALAIKA" AT THE METRO

A brilliant singing star makes her debut at the Metro Theatre in "Balalaika," and the result is something really to talk about She is Ilona Massey, who co-stars with Nelson Eddy.

Blonde, beautiful and talented, the Hungarian songbird who has been kept under cover for more than a year after a brief appearance in "Rosalie," emerges as a captivating and radiant personality who can sing like a thrush La Massey's is a welcome new face. On the basis of her first major assignment she will go far.

As for Nelson Eddy, he has in "Balalaika" one of the most interesting picture of his career. Robust romance, a variety of songs, this story of old Russia before, during and after the revolution at times reaches points of thrilling drama and in its lighter moods is romantic and funny. The bias is, of course, in favour of Czarist Russia which is presented through Hollywood's tinted spectacles.

BASED ON STAGE HIT

Based on the London stage musical success by Eric Maschwitz, it is the story of a swashbuckling Colonel of Cossacks, played by Eddy, who falls in love with a cafe singer only to learn that she is the daughter of a revolutionist who is plotting the assassination of his father and himself. Posing as a student, before he knows who the girl is, the Cossack woos and wins her love. Through influence he gets her chance to sing in the royal opera. At the first performance the Cossack's father is shot. When the would-be assassins are arrested the girl reveals her identity and goes to prison with her father. War breaks out and the Cossack goes to the front. This is followed by revolution, when he and others of the nobility are driven into exile. In Paris, he and the others get jobs in a cafe, where he is a singer. In the Russian counter-revolution that follows, the girl and her father flee Russia. On the Russian New Year she meets her lover once again in the Paris Balalaika Cafe, operated by the officers' former batman and her ex-maid. They fall into each other's arms.

"Balalaika" is conventional stuff. As Captain Peter Karagin, Eddy has a singing role that fits him well. As Lydia Marakov, the little revolutionist, Miss Massey has ample opportunity to display her dramatic talents and takes full advantage of them.

Musically, the picture affords good opportunity for their voices. "Tanya," sung by Miss Massey, is one of the hits of the piece. "Ride Cossack Ride," a number on the order of the Ranger's Song from "Rio Rita," is ideal for Eddy. Both were written by Herbert Stothart.

Miss Massey is given two special opportunities to display her voice —first in "At the Balalaika," and again in an operatic version of Rimsky-Korsakov's dance suite, "Scheherezade."

One of the most striking musical moments of the picture is a re-enactment of a dramatic moment in the World War when Russian and Austrian soldiers faced each other across No Man's Land on Christmas Eve and sang "Holy Night". Nelson Eddy's rendition of the hymn with a chorus of a hundred male voices in the dramatic setting of the trenches is unusually impressive if unreal.

Eddy and Miss Massey have an excellent supporting cast, including Charlie Ruggles as Eddy's batman, Frank Morgan as the opera impressario, Lionel Atwill as Miss Massey's father, C. Aubrey Smith as Eddy's father, Joyce Compton as Miss Massey's maid, Walter Woolf King as a Cossack officer and Dalies Frantz as Miss Massey's brother.

Rogers And Astaire Again?

There is no blackout in Hollywood and the Radio studio has the light burning brightly in the window to guide the footsteps of its wandering boy, Fred Astaire, homeward.

Someone, it seems, has been remembering the money earned by the Rogers-Astaire musicals. They want Fred back in a hurry to resume the most profitable partnership since talkies.

We have yet to see "Broadway Melody of 1940" (I hear that M-G-M is anxious to keep Fred for another picture with Eleanor Powell), but so far Ginger Rogers has fared better as a solo star than Astaire. It is significant, however, that both their names are missing from the current list of the ten biggest box office stars.

Two years ago, as a team, they were right up among the leaders.

"HAWAIIAN NIGHT" REVIVED

Romantic Musical At Bandra Talkies For 4 Days

From to-day for four days, Bandra Talkies is to screen Universal's Hawaiian Nights" starring Johnny Downs with Mary Carlisle and Constance Moore.

Unfolding in a tropical paradise, the picture features a big cast of lovely girls in a large number of dances, introducing the 'swing-hula.'

The gaily paced story deals with the adventures of Downs, the son of a rich hotel-man, who is sent to Honolulu to learn his father's business but falls in love with a beautiful girl.

On Sunday March 31st at 10-30 a.m. will be screened "Custer's Last Stand", starring Jack Wilholt and Dorothy Gullever.

A scene from the mystery thriller, "The Invisible Man Returns" at the Regal.

"Raffles"

Gentleman Thief At Excelsior

Samuel Goldwyn's newest production, "Raffles," is shown this week at Excelsior Theatre, a new film, starring David Niven in the title role, with lovely Olivia de Havilland as his leading lady, provides mystery-melodrama, directed by Sam Wood, "Raffles" was filmed from the screenplay by John Van Druten and the late Sidney Howard.

David Niven, as the Amateur Cracksman, turns in his usual smooth performance, marked by acting that is vivid, romantic and suave. Miss de Havilland's portrayal of his fiancee proves that she possesses both talent and beauty. Other stirring performances are contributed by Dudley Digges as Inspector MacKenzie of Scotland Yard, Dame May Whitty as Lady Melrose, Lionel Pape as Lord Melrose, Douglas Walton as Bunny Manders.

The story of "Raffles" is the story of a gentleman crook, a suave society man who leads a life of secret crime for fun and adventure. Known as the Amateur cracksman he has been baffling Scotland Yard with his daring and spectacular robberies for months. And then, just as he is about to withdraw from his dangerous career, he furnishes the Yard with its first and only clue. From then on, the speedy action carries the story to the beautiful country estate of Lady Melrose where the famous emerald necklace is stolen and a chase to London begins.

We won't recommend this picture for children as it glamourizes—almost glorifies.—crime.

Unfolded against backgrounds of pictorial beauty and dramatic highlights, "Raffles" was directed with speed and humour, but its most characteristic quality is its ever-mounting suspense. This is, of course a blend of skilful direction and skilful acting.

Birthday greetings to Devika Rani.

SUGANTHA—A characteristic pose in Bharata Natyam dance in the Tamil drama to be staged to-day (Saturday) at Damodar Thackersey Hall, Parel, at 8 p.m. in aid of the building fund of the South Indian Association, Bombay.

Maureen O'Hara in a scene from "Hunchback of Notre Dame", second week at New Empire.

Maureen O'Hara On The Road To Stardom!

"HUNCHBACK" POPULAR AT EMPIRE

Hollywood records show that out of each of the multi-million dollar productions of the past some obscure player has been sky-rocketed to fame and fortune. If events follow their usual course, "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" will produce one of the new stars of 1940.

The potential star is a nineteen-year-old auburned-haired Irish girl. Maureen O'Hara, whose role in "The Hunchback" marks her American debut. She made only one screen appearance before this, in the British-made "Jamaica Inn," winning considerable praise in the international press.

And with "The Hunchback" now on the world's screens, Hollywood prophets are betting that stardom is just around the corner for the colleen who only a year ago was an unknown student at Dublin's Abbey Theatre, Maureen has what it takes, they figure, and it's on the cards that the biggest picture of the year will produce a new star—if the record means anything.

And the record does bear them out. Back in 1914, before the star system was born, "The Birth of a Nation" brought a host of unknowns into the limelight, including Lillian Gish, Henry B. Walthall, Mae Marsh and Wallace Reid, who made his screen debut as a husky blacksmith in a fight scene which still stands among the greatest film fights of movie history. In 1916 "Intolerance" produced Constance Talmadge.

The immortal Rudolph Valentino was an obscure bit player until the role of Julio in "Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse" brought him immediate stardom. That was in 1921.

Until his work in "The Big Parade," in 1925, plummeted John Gilbert to the top, he was a little-known featured player.

Two starkly different actors found stardom in 1926, Ramon Navarro in the title role of "Ben Hur", and Victor McLaglen as Captain Flagg in W"hat Price Glory?"

Clara Bow, the "It" girl, found the first rung of the success ladder in a part in "Wings" in 1927, playing an ambulance driver in the first of Hollywood's air epics.

In 1930 a blonde bombshell burst upon the consciousness of movie audiences in her first picture, and rose to fame in a career that was cut short by her untimely death. The bombshell—Jean Harlow. The picture—,"Hell's Angels."

Both Irene Dunne and Richard Dix were vaulted to the top by their work in the big picture of 1931, "Cimarron."

Although he had several fine screen characterizations to his credit, Charles Laughton was comparatively obscure until his portrayal of "Henry VIII" in 1935 made him famous almost overnight.

Then came "Flying Down to Rio" and "The Gay Divorcee" which established Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire as the world's most popular dance team.

Thus RKO Radio's spectacle epic of 1940 is looked upon as the spring-board to fame for Maureen O'Hara. Incidentally, Miss O'Hara is the protegee of Charles Laughton, star of "The Hunchback," who discovered her to play his lead in "Jamaica Inn."

"ONLY ANGELS HAVE WINGS"

Jean Arthur—Cary Grant Film Revived At Broadway

Columbia's Howard Hawks production. "Only Angels Have Wings" will be shown from today till Tuesday for four days only at the Broadway, Dadar.

"Only Angels Have Wings", costarring Cary Grant and Jean Arthur was produced by Columbia, the studio that gave you such unforgettable hits as "It Happened One Night", "The Awful Truth", "Mr. Deeds Goes to Town" and "You can't Take It With You." It is a rollicking story of a handsome, devil-may-care soldier-of-fortune and a lovely girl, set against the background of the fog-shrouded Andes Mountains.

"Marie Antoinette"

SPECIAL MORNING SHOW AT THE METRO ON SUNDAY

With Norma Shearer in the title role and Tyrone Power co-starred, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's spectacular production of "Marie Antoinette" will be revived at 10 o'clock on Sunday morning at the Metro.

Arun's "Gorakhnath" Held At Central

Arun's mythological musical "Gorakhnath" is in its fourth week at Central. Mangala, Mayadevi and Rohini, the three principal women characters in the picture, are not only interesting but are real specimens of different types of women. In Mangala we have a girl searching after truth; no emotions and sentiments can deter her from the path of emancipation. She is the very emblem of nobility and dignity that is woman. As against this we have Mayadevi; clever intelligent and resourceful like Mangala but ambitious, always scheming for power. No wonder her greed leads her to self-destruction. In between these two extremes we have Rohini—gay and rather frivolous but contented with her material pleasures and happy in her romantic interludes.

These three characters are portrayed on the screen by Leela, Vimal Sardesai, and Kamal. Nandrekar does justice to the role of Gorakh; and Chandrakant, Raja Paranjpe, and Bakula offer good support.

INVISIBLE MAN RETURNS

Mystery Thriller At Regal

Universal Parade most astounding camera trickery ever filmed in the new mystery drama. "The Invisible Man Returns", which opens at the Regal theatre this week. A new story suggested by the "The Invisible Man" written by H. G. Wells, and produced in 1933, has been drafted with an aim toward topping even the eerie thrills of the earlier film. Vincent Price has the title role, similar to that formerly portrayed by Claude Rains. Sir Cedric Hardwicke, Nan Grey, John Sutton and Alan Napier are in the cast that includes many capable supporting players. Joe May directed and Ken Gold-Smith was associate producer.

The new picture traces the story of a man condemned to death for the murder of his brother, but who escapes from prison after being made invisible by the doctor who holds the secret formula. The Invisible Man's uncanny efforts to trap the criminals actually responsible for the murder provide the action, while suspense grows from the doctor's desperate attempts to find the antidote to the dread invisibility drug. Romance, not included in the first picture, is injected into the new film with a love affair between Miss Grey and the Invisible man. Stamped as "Impossible to film" but nevertheless accomplished are such weird scenes as those which find the Invisible Man in action while clothed but headless, swinging unseen fists which readily knock out his opponents; undressing and vanishing into thin air; drinking wine, smoking, wielding a rope and gun, and performing other startling deeds while invisible.

VISHNUPANT PAGNIS at the temple of Damodarlalji (Junagadh) where Narsi Bhagat used to worship years ago in the past. Mr. Pagnis will title the role in the Prakash picture "Narsi Bhagat".

Morning Show At Capitol

There will be a "Micky Mouse" and "Silly Symphony" show on Sunday March 31st, morning at 10-30 a.m. at the Capitol. Sweets will be given away to children.

More Married Romance Teams

And over at Twentieth Century-Fox, Tyrone Power and his bride, Annabella, will carry their love-making in front of the cameras in "Footnote to Romance."

TO-NIGHT'S PAGEANT AT BRABOURNE STADIUM

Among the striking features of to-night's Red Cross Pageant at the Brabourne Stadium, perhaps the most popular will be the Indian cabaret programme

The "stars" in the programme include no less a musical genius than Vishnupant Pagnis, whose portrayal of "Tukaram" and "Tulsidas" has virtually conferred an 'honorary sainthood' on himself. His 'bhajans' alone will be well worth the cost of admission.

A Garba dance—"Nava Dipa" —will be performed by Rohini Garba party, a group of talented amateurs.

Miss Snehaprabha Pradhan, well-known in the local student world for her song-and-dance recitals who is at present appearing in the Hindustan Cinetone's new film "Saubhagya", will present a new dance composition, the theme of which is drawn from the ever-green legend of Radha and Krishna.

Popular appeal will be provided by Mehdi Reza, the well-known 'qawwal.'

Other artistes appearing in the Indian cabaret programmes on Sunday and Monday include Vasanti, the little Ranjit star; Vatsala Kumtekar, the popular radio and screen singer; dances by several talented amateurs like Misses Kusum Laud, Nalini Rao, Kusum Shroff, Rohini Wagle and others.

The Indian cabaret programme has been organised by Mr. Baburao Pai, the Prabhat executive, with assistance of Mr. A. S. Dholekar of the All India Radio.

Olivia De Havilland and David Niven in "Raffles" at the Excelsior.

In Footsteps Of Corporation

B. E. S. & T. Offer To Workers Regarding Dearness Allowance

AN OFFER TO GRANT A DEARNESS ALLOWANCE OF RS. 2 PER MONTH TO ALL THE EMPLOYEES OF THE BOMBAY ELECTRIC SUPPLY AND TRAMWAYS COMPANY GETTING LESS THAN RS. 50 PER MONTH, WAS MADE BY MR. A. S. TROLLIP, GENERAL MANAGER OF THE COMPANY, BEFORE THE BOARD OF CONCILIATION, CONSISTING OF SIR GOVIND MADGAONKER, SET UP BY THE GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY TO INQUIRE INTO THE DISPUTE FOR DEARNESS ALLOWANCE BETWEEN THE COMPANY AND ITS EMPLOYEES, ON FRIDAY.

Mr. Purushottam Tricumdas, on behalf of three of the four Unions, which are parties to the dispute, said that they were prepared to accept the findings of the Board, as binding on them, if the Company also agreed to do so.

But Mr. Trollip said that he could not commit himself to that proposition without consulting the Chairman of the Company.

Workers' Case

Presenting the case for the workers Mr. Purushottam said that merely because a portion of the earnings of the workers which had been in existence for the last twenty years, was called a war allowance, it would be absurd to say that it covered the extraordinary situation prevailing at present.

Dealing with the scale of wages received by the employees, Mr Tricumdas pointed out that before 1934 bus drivers were started on Rs. 50 per month, got Rs. 60 at the end of a year and Rs. 5 every two years thereafter till they reached Rs. 85. In 1934 the scale was altered. The starting pay was reduced to Rs. 45. The worker got Rs. 52 at the end of a year and a promotion of Rs. 4 every year upto a maximum of Rs. 72.

Bus conductors as well as tram drivers obtained the same scale of wages. Prior to 1934 they were started on Rs. 27 and rose to Rs. 40 at the end of three years. After 1934 they were started on Rs. 26 and reached Rs. 40 only after ten years of service. This scale was again altered in 1938 so that the workers got Rs. 40 after five years of service.

In addition every worker got an allowance of 25 per cent. if his salary was less than Rs. 75.

This allowance was being paid since 1920-21. If it had been withdrawn the Company would have been faced with a demand for increase in wages. No doubt it came into existence at a period of high prices. But these prices did not affect the bus drivers and conductors as the buses came into existence in 1926.

INADEQUATE WAGES.

Mr. Tricumdas referred to the custom of employers to cut the earnings of workers into basic wages and other allowances so that they may the more easily encroach on the allowances. In this case the workers were getting a certain income which they considered as inadequate and had already made certain demands in this respect.

The Company had at no time suggested that the so-called war allowance was not a part of their normal earnings—something that could be cut off at the sweet will of the Company. He urged that the Company should not now be heard to say that this allowance should answer for the present demand for war allowance. This demand of the workers, he wanted to emphasise, was without prejudice to their other demands.

GOVERNMENT'S TERMS OF REFERENCE.

He referred to the Government's terms of reference and pointed out that what the Conciliation Board had to consider was the extent of the dearness allowance, not whether it should be given at all.

STANDARD OF LIVING.

The only considerations relevant to the inquiry were firstly, the standard of living that the workers had been accustomed to; secondly, the extent to which this standard had been affected by the rise in prices and lastly the extent of the allowance that the Company should be asked to pay to neutralise the increase in the cost of living.

In determining the increase in the cost of the living, he suggested that they should begin with the majority findings of the Rangnekar report. He did not in any way want to disparage the Labour Office but the two Assistant Commissioners of Labour who had been examined had admitted that the statistics compiled by the Labour Office was merely approximations. Even if they started with the conservative estimate of the majority of the Rangnekar report, he pointed out that certain fresh factors such as the increase in railway fares, had arisen since the report had been submitted. He therefore thought that the demand for an increase of 20 per cent. for all employees drawing more than Rs. 50 and a flat rate of Rs. 10 for all employees drawing less than Rs. 50 would be very fair.

Mr. I. S. Patel in supporting this demand pointed out that the Company had paid a dividend of 12 per cent. during the last two years and also that it had a reserve fund of more than Rs. 47 lakhs to meet demands such as the workers were making.

TRAMWAYMEN'S PLEA

Mr. V. H. Joshi on behalf of the Tramwaymen's Union said that the so-called war allowance was in effect a part of the wage. He also pointed out that dearness allowance of nearly 30 per cent was given in the Textile Industry during the last war and could not be taken away for a long time.

The workers had been demanding the consolidation of the allowance with the basic wage ever since 1928, so that the workers might get the benefit of the Provident fund contributions, but this had not been done.

On the other hand, Mr. Joshi cited figures to show that by altering scales of gradation and promotion, the Company had snatched away as much of the allowance as possible, except in the case of gold workers who are a vanishing quantity.

Company's Arguments

Mr. A. S. Trollip on behalf of the B. E. S. T. stated that the Labour representatives were assuming that the Company was under an obligation to recompense the workers completely for the rise in the cost of living. The Company did not admit any such obligation.

He thought there only two grounds on which a claim for dearness allowance could be maintained. One would be the fact that the Company had benefited or would benefit by the war. The second would be that the wages of workers in the Company compared unfavourably with that of similar employees in other industries.

Both these grounds, he claimed did not exist. The average wage in the Textile Industry was about Rs. 32 per month, whereas the average wage of the Company's employees was Rs. 43. This left a substantial margin to meet any increase in the cost of living. He, therefore, claimed that a dearness allowance on the basis given to the Textile workers could not be given to the Company's employees.

He added that the demands of the workers were exhorbitant and would involve an expense of Rs. 11 lakhs, which was a burden the Company could not bear.

In Footsteps Of Corporation

However, in a spirit of conciliation he was prepared to offer the workers dearness allowance on the same footing as the Municipality.

Mr. Purushottam Tricumdas pointed out that the findings of the Board were of no avail unless it was accepted by the parties. He was anxious that it should be so accepted. Therefore he was prepared to offer to be bound by the findings if the Company also gave a similar undertaking.

Mr. Trollip, however, could not accept this offer without consulting the Chairman of the Company.

Sir Govind Madgaonker said that they should try to come nearer and that he was willing to help them to do so.

It is understood that one more attempt will be made to bridge the gulf between the parties.

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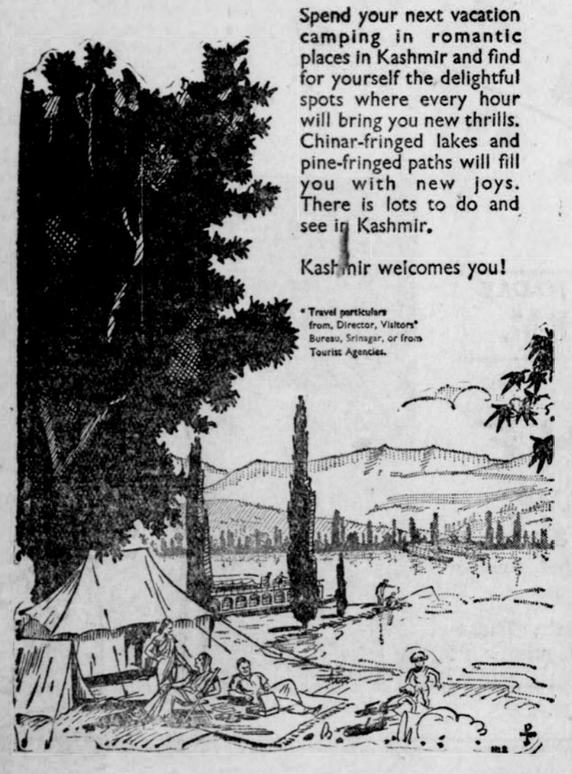

Muslim Ulster Outside Indian Dominion

Delhi And Downing Street Must Speak Out Their Mind On Jinnah's Demand, Says Brailsford

LONDON, (By Air Mail)

"It is grossly unfair to regard the Congress as a Hindu organisation, whatever the creed of the majority of its members may be. It has at the moment a Muslim divine as its president, the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad and on its governing body a Parsi and Sikh have seats. It has never espoused the sectarian interests of Hinduism."

Thus writes Mr. H. N. Brailsford under the caption "Strategic Justice in the East" in the "New Statesmen and the Nation." The following is the full text of the article:—

MAHATMA STAYS HAND

On the surface, the facts of the Indian problem are fairly clear. The repeated talks between the Viceroy and Gandhi have ended in complete deadlock. Eight of the eleven provincial ministers have resigned as a gesture of protest and only the personal influence of Gandhi, still bent upon conciliation, has so far availed to delay a resort to civil disobedience. Yet on the surface the Government has made what looks like a handsome concession. It is prepared to revise its unacceptable scheme of Federation and to consult all the interests and creeds as to its future shape. It has undertaken that the result, immediately after the war shall conform to the definition of Dominion Status in the statute of Westminster, though defence will necessarily have to be "reserved" for many years. But this promising attitude is completely overshadowed by the condition that the Congress must first of all come to terms with the Muslim League.

CONGRESS DEMAND

In reply, Congress states stiffly and with good reason on its right of self-determination. It insists that Indians themselves shall plan the house in which Indians must live. It will not be content with a second imposed condition, and in particular, it is not prepared to admit the princes to the Federal structure, so long as they remain irresponsible autocrats. Latterly, as the skies darkened it has insisted that it demands not Dominion Status, but literal independence to which one is tempted to answer firstly, that a Dominion does in fact enjoy effective sovereignty and secondly, that in this ugly world, it is not enough to will independence; the reality depends on the industrial, potential and financial power that goes to make a modern defence force the master of three elements. But the main difficulty lies in the seemingly irreconcilable feud between Congress and Mr. Jinnah's Muslim League.

AUTONOMOUS MUSLIM STATE

The feud between the two looks hopeless. It could not be met by any further concession of rights to the Muslim minority, already well protected as it is. The trouble is that against the Indian nationalism of Congress, Mr. Jinnah and his school maintain that the Muslims themselves constitute a separate "nation". What this means in detail was explained in a letter to the "Times" of February 29th by Sir H. A. Haroon, the Chairman of the League's "Foreign Committee". He quotes two demands from resolutions which it has passed (1) that "a separate nation home in the shape of autonomous State" shall be created for the Muslims and (2) that those living in the rest of India shall rank as its "nationals," apparently with an extra-territorial status. This latter suggestion seems flatly impossible, nor would it please these Muslims to lose their votes and their eligibility for salaried public posts. But the proposal to create a separate Muslim Ulster, outside an Indian Dominion, is feasible, though it may be deplorable. It would consist of the Punjab, Sind, the Frontier Province and the principality of Kashmir and arrangement that leaves Eastern Bengal out of the cold. Apparently, the Muslim League as a whole hesitates as yet to advance this demand in public, but it has no other positive proposal, and it makes the claim of principle that Muslims are a separate nation.

One may doubt whether any of the provincial legislatures included in the proposed State would welcome its creation: certainly the Frontier Province and probably the Punjab would oppose it.

As to the real attitude of Delhi and Downing Street, one can only speculate. Do they desire a second Ulster to rule is very much subtler than this. But the fact is that knowing how completely intransigent is the Muslim League, they have made its consent a condition to any further progress towards Indian freedom. That is indefensible. The easiest way out of this deadlock might be to entrust to an assembly chosen proportionately by the provincial councils, the final exercise of the right of self-determination. It would, of course, have to delegate to a businesslike Working Committee the delicate business of drafting and negotiating the settlement in detail.—United Press.

Presidency Health Conditions

The Director of Information, Bombay, writes:—

Health conditions in the Bombay Province for the week ending March 16.

The Provincial plague figures for the week were 55 cases and 27 deaths as against 118-75 reported in the previous week and 148-92 revised figures for that week.

Twenty villages in Sholapur district, 9 in Bijapur, 5 in Kanara and three in Dharwar district are reporting plague cases. Among town circles Karwar reported 3 and Sholapur 1-1. The six Epidemic Medical Officers deputed from other districts are working in Sholapur and Barsi talukas; in addition, the Epidemic Medical Officer, Sholapur, three S.M.S. Officers, and three temporary Medical Officers are also working on anti-plague measures. The Epidemic Medical Officer, Bijapur and two special Medical Officers are carrying out anti-plague work in Bijapur district.

Anti-plague inoculations performed during the week numbered 5,578 bringing the total number of inoculations since 1st January to 38,640.

CHOLERA

Two cases and two deaths from cholera were reported from Ratnagiri district during the week.

SMALLPOX

Smallpox figures by districts for the week are: Nasik 197-37, East Khandesh 179-30, West Khandesh 155-18, Ahmedabad 79-48, Sholapur 72-12, Thana 65-6, Poona 64-10, Ahmednagar 57-7, Kaira 47-16, Broach 35-9, Satara 27-7, Ratnagiri 27-4, Kolaba 13-0, Bombay Suburban 10-0, Surat 7-5, Panch Mahals 3-0, Bijapur 2-0 and Bombay City 49-20. Total 1,088 attacks and 229 deaths against 672-143 reported in the previous week and 1,261 cases and 233 deaths revised figures for that week.

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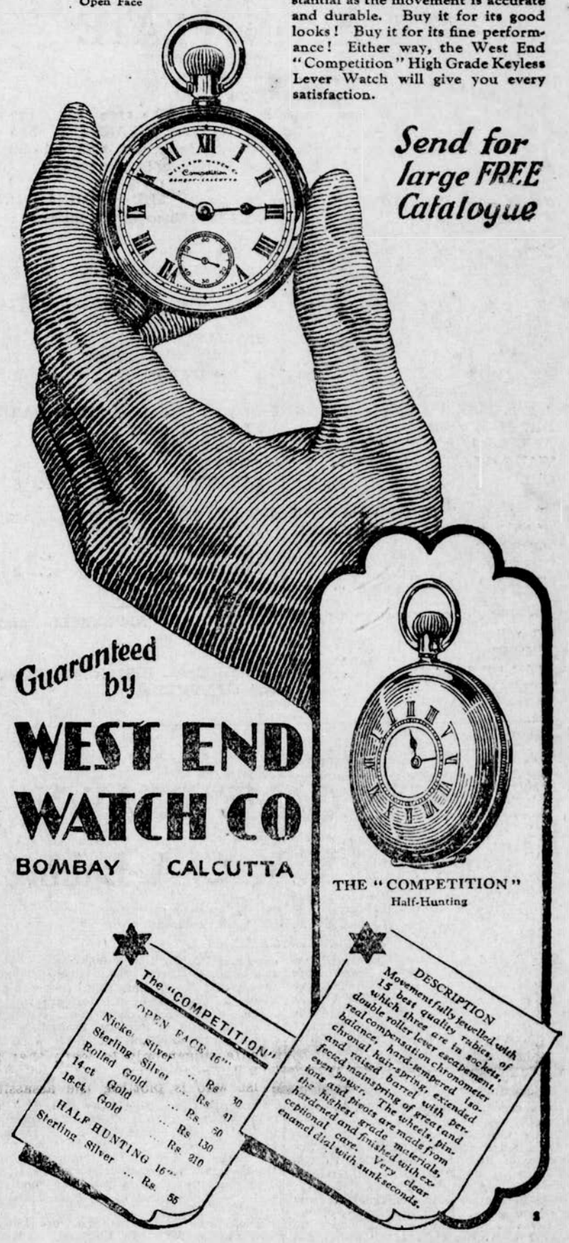
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Selections For To-day's Races

VANDYKE FANCIED FOR CARNARVON PLATE

(BY "SENEX")

Bombay's long campaign concludes to-day. The race for the Carnarvon Plate promises to be of great interest. VANDYKE has put up a smashing track gallop and has only to be well ridden to be troubling the Judge. I make the smart Indian bred my choice.

2-0 p.m. THE DAMASCUS PLATE.—1 mile.

HAZIM BEG	.. 1
SA'AD FARUQ	.. 2
PRESIDENT	.. 3

2-30 p.m. THE BROCKLEBY STAKES—1 mile, 1 fur.

RAHANA	.. 1
AMULET	.. 2
BELL BOY	.. 3

3-0 p.m. THE FOXHILL PLATE, Div. II—1 mile.

APPENZELL	.. 1
WANGALLA	.. 2
CYBO	.. 3

3-30 p.m. THE MULLINGAR PLATE, Div. II.—1 mile.

TERRACE	.. 1
BRELAN	.. 2
GUIDING QUEEN	.. 3

4-0 p.m. THE OWEN ROE PLATE —1 mile.

HECTIC	.. 1
STAR OF BARODA	.. 2
WELFARE	.. 3

4-30 p.m. THE CARNARVON PLATE—About 1 1/2 miles.

VANDYKE	.. 1
LOCH NESS	.. 2
MARATHA EMPEROR	.. 3

5-0 p.m. THE MULLINGAR PLATE Div. I.—1 mile.

GIRVAN	.. 1
VEILED PROPHET	.. 2
LORD BYRON	.. 3

5-30 p.m. THE LINGFIELD PARK PLATE.—1 mile.

GANEYMEDE	.. 1
CHANAK	.. 2
LEVANT	.. 3

6-0 p.m. THE FOXHILL PLATE, Div. I.—1 mile.

LINGUAPHONE	.. 1
BARNEGAT	.. 2
MONA LIZA	.. 3

DOUBLE: — APPENZELL and VANDYKE.

TREBLE: — HECTIC, GIRVAN and GANYMEDE.

AGA KHAN TOURNAMENT

FRIDAY'S GAME DRAWN

G. I. P. And Y. M. C. A. Lahore Fail To Score

The Y.M.C.A., Lahore, survived on Friday evening when they drew with the G. I. P. Railway in the Aga Khan hockey tournament. Neither side scored despite extra time. The Railway were without their star forward Hakim, on the sick list, and Mills, the regular right back. Despite a depleted side the Railway proved a good combination and with a little luck should have just won.

Tich Grostate was a great little man at back. One wonders where he stores all his vim and sparkle? He is an imp, when it comes to destroying the dreams of ambitious forwards. In the half line, Leny D'Burgh, on the right, gave nothing away and his hockey, both destructive and constructive, was worth seeing. Latif the leader of the attack was his usual good-self, but he missed his partner Hakim. Tellis, did some purposeful flying down the left flank, and it was no fault of his that G. I. P. drew in a contest which might have been theirs.

The Y.M.C.A., Lahore, were not the brilliant side that once carried North the Aga Khan Trophy. But even if I have to borrow a hat from Bori Bunder, I will do it, just to take it off to Mohsin the Y.M.C.A. goalkeeper, who was in form and saved his side on at least four occasions. The hat off, we will courtesy to Ishwar and S. M. Khorram, who made up the visitors' back line. They were fine spoilers and contributed much to the Y.M.C.A's. extended life in the tournament. Critics classed Nanda, the visiting right inner, and Inder Lal, their centre forward, as the best of the forward line.

Both teams meet again on Sunday and the clash should be a duel.

THE GAME.

The G. I. P. set about the business of the game straight away and worried the Y.M.C.A. in the early minutes, Ishwar proving himself a worthy back.

The Y.M.C.A. broke away in the fifth minute and were dangerous—Nanda missed a fine opportunity to forge ahead. A fast run down of the left by Tellis of the G. I. P. was checked by Khorram as he entered the circle.

Grostate then came into the picture and spoilt a number of good movements by the Y.M.C.A.

The teams raided in turn here Latif and Rashid for the Railway, Prem Sahni and Inder Lal (Y.M.C.A.) put in some smart work, but both no goals had been tallied when half time arrived.

LEVEL GAME CONTINUES.

After the rest the Y.M.C.A. were the first to press and Latif was unfortunate in seeing an effort travel over the bar, an effort made possible by Nanda, the right inner, who sent in a delightful pass. Shortly after Mohsin saved a hot effort by Rashid of the Railway.

The G. I. P. from a penalty corner almost took the lead, here the Y.M.C.A. goalkeeper was again their saviour. Towards the close the Y.M.C.A. came up with some determined efforts, Kumar, was held by E. Boccaro and Inder Lal was checked by Rahmat. In the last minute the G. I. P. tried to clinch the issue, and a great shot from Rashid was intercepted smartly by Mohsin.

EXTRA TIME.

Mohsin brought of his best save of the evening when he robbed Latif of a goal just as the stands rose to see the decider come from the G. I. P.

This was the only thrill in the extra minutes and the game closed tamely with the score love all.

THE TEAMS WERE:

Y.M.C.A., LAHORE:—Mohsin; Ishwar and S. M. Khorram; Dharam Vir, S. Brady and G. L. Bali, Kumar, Nanda, Inder Lal, A. Latif and Sahni.

G. I. P. RAILWAY:—R. Norris; Carvalho and N. Grostate; L. D'Burgh, Rahmat and E. Bocarro; Ismail, Rashid Latif, M. Bocarro and Tellis.

To-day's Game

Gymkhana ground—4-15 p.m.—"The Times of India" vs. Brothers' Club, Lahore; 5-30 p.m. Young Sports Club vs. Bhagwant Club (Tikamgarh.)

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Red Triangle Concert

SOCIETY RALLY TO HELP Y. M. C. A.

Her Excellency Lady Lumley was among a large and distinguished gathering on Friday, who had rallied at a concert held by the Y.M.C.A., to help in collecting Rs. 10,000, the Red Triangle people wanted for their good work in Bombay. There were a very few seats vacant at the Sir Cowasjee Jehangir Hall and all music lovers must have been delighted at the splendid programme.

The success of the evening was assured when such well-known artists figured on the programme: Mr. Mehli Mehta, Mr. Egidio Verga, Miss Helen Todd, the brilliant young English pianist and that delightful soprano, Miss Julia Bennett. They all gave of their best and liberally and their efforts provided a musical feast of no ordinary order.

The Bombay Male Voice Choir, who also gave good vocal support to the evening's entertainment are going from good to better things.

WORLD OF SPORT: HOME AND ABROAD

Coaching Scheme For Selected Tennis Players

(BY LOOKER-ON.)

It is gratifying to note that the All-India Lawn Tennis Association is steadily pursuing their policy of raising the standard of Lawn Tennis in India. They have now turned their special attention towards the building up of our future Davis Cup teams. Two years ago they had Ranbir Singh, one of India's ranked players trained in Europe as an official coach. He has been touring different centres coaching a large number of players. We may not notice the immediate effect of his labour. But there is no doubt that the players, who have received his expert advice and guidance, would make an impression on Indian Tennis ere long, provided they continue their training systematically.

TRAINING AT MUSSOORIE

Now the A. I. L. T. A. propose to take further advantage of Ranbir Singh's services. A Sub-Committee appointed by them have produced a scheme for training a batch of selected boys from all parts of India during the off-season, from middle of April to end of June. It is suggested that each province should nominate two of its best boys who should not be more than twenty years of age. These boys would be given intensive coaching for the above period at Mussoorie or any other hill-station. It is satisfactory to note that the boys will also be given physical exercises, kept under special diet and their hours regulated as in a boarding school.

SHARE OF EXPENSES

After the above training of two and a half months, the boys will return to their own provinces and then the Coach will visit these provinces for one or two months, as the provinces may be able to afford, for further coaching to these boys. Other nominated boys will be coached in the usual course at the discretion of the Provincial Coaching Committee. It is estimated the total expenditure will be about Rs. 3,620. The Sub-Committee suggests that the parents of the boys selected for coaching should pay their boarding charges. The provincial associations concerned should shoulder Rs. 1,800 of the costs and the remainder Rs. 1,070 should be borne by the A.I.L.T.A.

ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT.

It is understood the above proposal is receiving enthusiastic support from all parts of the country. I hope the A.I.L.T.A. and the provincial Associations would accord their wholehearted support to it, even though they are called upon to foot the bill to some extent. In case any of the selected boys cannot afford to pay his share of the boarding charges, I trust he will be excused. His association should see to it that it is met somehow. What I mean is that the boy should have his training in any case. I have no doubt that the effect of this scheme is sure to be visible in the tournaments of the country next season. And if this process is continued for a number of years, we shall see Indian Tennis forging ahead at a rapid pace.

POLO TOURNAMENT IN INDORE

INDORE, March 27.

Indore Polo Tournament held in connection with the Central India Horse Show concluded on March 23. The Challenge Cup presented by Saubhagyavati Indirabai Holkar had drawn in seven teams including a team from the 3rd Cavalry Jubbulpore, 52nd Light Infantry, Mhow, 28th Field Regiment, Mhow, and other Mixed team of Mhow and Indore players and two local teams representing the Maharani's Own Body Guard and Princess Usha's Own Lancers and lastly a team from Udaipur.

At the conclusion of the matches a short speech was made by Major General T. M. Carpendale and presented the Shree Devi Ahilya Bai Challenge Cup by Saubhagyavati Indirabai Holkar to the winning team and smaller cups to the individuals of winners and runners up as well as of the Subsidiary tournament. The Cup for the Best Trained Polo Pony in the Central India Horse Show presented by the Maharaja of Rutlam was won by Lt.-Col. J. B. de Wilton's "Angela".

ANOTHER VICTIM FOR LOUIS

NEW YORK, March 29.

Joe Louis is an 8 to 1 on favourite to retain the World Heavy Weight Boxing Championship against Johnny Paychek, pride of America's Corn Belt tonight.

Paychek has had 33 successive victories and has an effective left jab, but layers are offering odds of 3 to 1 on Paychek being unable to leave the ring under his power.

MATUNGA ATHLETIC CLUB.

Entries for the "Malabar Star Cup" Basketball Tournament, conducted by the above Club, close at 5 p.m. on 7th April 1940. Further particulars can be had from the Secretary, Matunga Athletic Club.

GRAND NATIONAL CALL-OVER

LONDON, March 29.

Following is the latest call-over on the Grand National:—

15 to 2 Kilstar; 9 to 1 Professor offered; 100 to 9 Royal Danieli offered, 100 to 8 taken; 100 to 6 Symaethis, Rock Quilla and Sterling Duke offered; 20 to 1 Milano offered; 22 to 1 taken.

Tamil Drama At Damodar Hall

Amateurs of the South Indian Association, Bombay, will stage "Sugantha," a Tamil drama at the Damodar Thackersey Hall, Parel, at 8 p.m. (S.T.) to-day (Saturday), in aid of the Association's Building Fund.

ONE KILLED IN JHANSI CLASH

JHANSI, March 29.

One person was killed and about fifty injured in a communal riot on Wednesday, states a report from Banda. A number of shops and houses were set on fire.

It is reported that while a Hindu procession was passing along a street stones were hurled resulting in minor injuries to some of the processionists. Officials, who soon on the spot, brought the situation under control. Later, however, there were a number of stray assaults, in which one person was killed and others injured. The local markets closed immediately.

The District Magistrate promulgated Sec. 144 and imposed a Curfew order. A contingent of armed force left to-day for Banda to reinforce the local police. The police have so far made twenty arrests.

The District Magistrate discussed the situation with leaders of both communities, who have issued appeals for the maintenance of peace.—A. P.

CALCUTTA STUDENTS ON STRIKE

CALCUTTA, Mar. 29.

A general strike of students was launched to-day under the instructions of the Bengal Provincial Students' Federation in sympathy with the strikers of the Scottish Church College.

A general meeting of students will be held to-day to observe All Bengal Scottish Church College Day.

Boarders of Tomory, Ashutosh Hindu and Vidyasagar College Hostels have gone on hunger-strike. Other students are likely to join them

Two students of Scottish Church College, who went on hunger-strike on Monday are reported to be very weak.—United Press.

300 STUDENTS ON HUNGER-STRIKE

CALCUTTA, Mar. 29.

About 300 students are reported to have gone on hunger-strike in sympathy with the Scottish Church College strikers.

A students' meeting was held at Wellington Square under the auspices of the Bengal Provincial Students' Federation when a resolution protesting against the attitude of the Scottish Church College authorities was passed. The resolution also urged the immediate intervention of the Calcutta University authorities in the matter, failing which the students would force the closing down of all schools and colleges in the province.

The resolution also requested the hunger-strikers to give up the hunger-strike.

The meeting sympathised with the scavengers of Calcutta Corporation who are on strike.—United Press.

CITIZENS BEGIN TO REMOVE REFUSE

CALCUTTA, March 29.

While refuse steadily piles up in the streets of Calcutta the scavengers' strike continues.

Thirteen strikers, who were arrested yesterday on a charge of obstructing loyal scavengers in the performance of their duty, were remanded in custody to-day by the police magistrate at Alipore.

Apart from a few stray assaults on loyal workers, there has been no development in the situation. The authorities are making great efforts with the aid of the loyal workers and the temporarily-engaged hands, and there are indications that the citizens of Calcutta have begun themselves to remove refuse.—A. P.

A. I. Kshatriya Mahasabha

CALCUTTA, March 29.

The 41st session of the All-India Kshatriya Mahasabha will be held at Patna from April 14 to 16 under the presidentship of H. H. the Mahendra Maharaja Sir Yadvendra Singh Bahadur of Panna (C.P.) The Raja Bahadur of Ramgarh is the Chairman of the Reception Committee.—A. P.

Police To Help Students

CALCUTTA, March 29.

"Since forcible picketing continues at the college gates police protestion will be afforded to students desirous of attending classes from Monday, April 1," says Mr. A. Cameron, Principal of the Scottish Church College in a statement to the press in connection with the strike in his College.—A. P.

RAIDER RELEASE CONSTABLES

BANNU, March 29.

Three police constables and one sepoy of the Frontier Constabulary have been released from the custody of tribal raiders.

Yaqub, Hathikhel Wazir, police constables and Fatehjung a sepoy of the Frontier Constabulary were kidnapped in January last from Daudshah territory while Sahibdin and Jamaldin, police constables were kidnapped on February 8 near Ismailkhan village along with Remaldas.

The released constables arrived here yesterday from Miranshah.

NARROW ESCAPE

Gulnawaz 42-year old asscciate of the Faqir of Ipi is reported to have narrowly escaped death in an engagement with Government forces at Kachkot, on Friday last, according to latest information. This is the second time during the past three weeks that he had been seriously injured.

Gulnawaz is reported to have been carried away to a place of safety by his companions. Government forces are said to be combing the area in their search.

It is recalled that Gulnawaz and Mehrdil raided Bannu city in July, 1939.—A. P.

KARACHI.—Subject to the sanction of the Government of India, the Board of the Karachi Port Trust has resolved as a special war concession, to reduce to one-third the storage charges levied by the Port Trust on imported goods.

RUSSO-FINNISH NEGOTIATIONS

(Continued from page 1)

the Finnish delegates are conducting are dragging on longer than was anticipated.

The Russians are stated to be widening the scope of discussions to include the question of increased deliveries of goods from Finland especially industrial products.

A special joint committee is expected to consider the question of a new trade agreement.

Agreement has not yet been reached on several frontier questions which are still being discussed.

It is generally anticipated that diplomatic relations will be shortly resumed.—Reuter.

Withdrawal Of Crack Troops

HELSINKI, March 29.

Soviet military authorities are withdrawing their crack troops from the newly occupied areas of Finland and replacing them with other units.—Reuter.

PATNA, March 28.

The District Magistrate and the Sub-Divisional Officer were the victims of practical jokes a Holi crowd when they, while travelling in a car, were pelted with stones and mud-balls in village Damiata, in Patna District.

The gaiety of the crowd ultimately resulted in over a dozen arrests being made and four complaints being filed before the police. One of these was by a villager who was alleged to have been waylaid and molested.—A. P.

SEC. 144 IN MONGHYR

60 Arrests Sequel To Holi Riot

PATNA, March 29.

Sixty arrests are reported to have been made at Jamui as a sequel to the Holi riot there.

The total number of persons injured is now 15, according to a communique issued by the District Magistrate of Monghyr. This includes an old woman, who succumbed to her injuries.

Prohibitory orders under Section 144 Cr. P. C. have been promulgated throughout the Jamui sub-division. Shops opened yesterday and the situation is peaceful.—A. P.

No More Short Time Work In B. N. R. Workshops

CALCUTTA, Mar. 29.

Representatives of the Bengal-Nagpur Railway Indian Labour Union met the B. N. Railway Administration this morning.

Mr. A. Duncan, Agent and General Manager, informed them that in October, 1939, fifty per cent of the normal working was restored by providing work on alternate Saturdays and the remaining fifty per cent would be restored with effect from April 1, 1940. Thus the grievance regarding short time working had been fully redressed.

The President, Mr. Kalappa expressed satisfaction at the redress of a longstanding grievance. —A. P.

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Strange Disclosures During Parulekar's Trial: Kher And Morarji To Be Defence Witnesses

(From Our Correspondent)

DHARWAR, March 26.

The trial of Mr. S. V. Parulekar, M.L.A., a labour leader of Bombay, proceeded this morning in the court of Mr. Vaidya, Sub-Divisional Magistrate of Dharwar.

This trial is under Sec. 124A of the I. P. C. in respect of a speech delivered by Mr. Parulekar at Dharwar on January 20.

In the course of his cross-examination Mr. B. V. Kulkarni, the Sub-Inspector of Police, who is a complainant in this case, replied that he filed the complaint on February 23 and effected the arrest of Mr. Parulekar three days before the complaint was filed and that the arrest was effected without a warrant and on an order passed by the District Magistrate of Dharwar.

He further replied that the District Magistrate issued the order "suo motu" in the absence of any complaint before him though the offence is not the cognisable one.

COURT WARNS COMPLAINANT

While the complainant was being thus cross-examined by Mr. Karandikar on the point of arrest the complainant got upset and remarked that by asking such questions there would be another sedition case against Mr. Karandikar

At this the Court warned the Police Sub-Inspector to give proper replies to the questions asked by the pleader.

Rao Bahadur B. S. Sawakar, the Public Prosecutor, appeared for the prosecution while Mr. S. V. Karandikar with Mr. R. V. Jathar appeared for the accused.

Mrs. Parulekar was also present in the court.

It is understood that the District Magistrate and District Superintendent of Police, Dharwar, Mr. B G. Kher, the Ex-Premier of Bombay, Mr. Morarji Desai and some labour leaders of Bombay will be summoned as defence witnesses in this case.

It is also learnt that Mr. Chari is coming here from Bombay to conduct the trial for the defence on behalf of the Civil Liberties Union of Bombay.

IMBIBE SPIRIT OF SHIVAJI

Savarkar's Appeal To Hindus

MADRAS, (By Mail).

At exhortation to Hindus to imbibe the spirit of Shivaji, to organise themselves and to go ahead in the struggle for Swaraj was made by Mr. V. D. Savarkar, president of the Hindu Maha Sabha, addressing a public meeting at Tilak Ghat in celebration of the birthday of Shivaji Maharaj.

He traced the early history of India to show how after the Muslim domination of India for a thousand years, the Maharattas with the Shivaji spirit throbbing in them, regained the lost ground in the succeeding thousand years and established Hindu Raj in India.

The speaker, in this connection, condemned the Congress historians who for the sake of Hindu-Muslim unity, distorted facts and extolled Akbar and other Muslim kings, and omitting to mention a word of Shivaji or other Hindu rulers.

Referring to Mr. Gandhiji's attitude that he would be a willing subject under Jinnah Raj because Mr. Jinnah was an Indian, Mr. Savarkar asked: Why not then remain under British Raj because a British is also human. Is not humanity superior to nationality?" (Laughter).

So long as the Jinnah ideology would not tolerate a Hindu Raj even though a Hindu was also an Indian, the speaker affirmed there could be no honourable settlement between the two communities.

As a nationalist Hindu, the speaker continued he would tell every Muslim to look to India as his motherland and not have any extra-territorial motives, join hands with Hindus on terms of perfect equality and carry on the fight for swaraj. If not, the fight would be carried on without him.

Concluding, Mr. Savarkar said The motto of every Hindu towards the Muslims in this fight for independence should be "With you if you come; without you if you don't in spite of you if you oppose.—A. P.

Plight Of Kalyan Harijan Sweepers

(From Our Correspondent)

KALYAN, March 26.

An enquiry into the grievances of the Harijan sweeper class under the employ of the Kalyan Municipality as made by the "Chronicle" representative recently reveals sorrowful state of affairs. The woes of this miserably paid but useful class of workers seem to have no end.

A couple of furlongs away from the Municipal office, this class has got a colony and the Municipality a few years back constructed a well for the use of the sweepers. Until recently they used to have their daily supply of water from this well in the vicinity of the colony but owing to many causes, the water has ceased to be potable and the Municipal Board, realising the situation, has resolved to engage the services of a touchabe to provide from a well, far away from the colony, the daily supply of water.

The Municipality, it is represented, could as well have engaged a "Bhisti" (a professional water carrier) to provide water at the respective residences of individual sweepers.

It is hoped the Board will revise their present decision and devise a more suitable arrangement for the supply of water!

The Municipality would do well to remove the causes that have rendered the present well-water unfit for human consumption and remedy this grievance in respect of one of the most essential needs of daily life.

As regards the quarters in which the Harijan sweepers are staying at present, the huts are situated on a Government piece of land and there is a plan afoot to acquire this land at the expense of the "Kalyan Municipal Employee Co-operative Credit Society."

It is not understood, if it is a fact, why the Municipality itself should not be generous enough to bear the costs of acquiring this land. At present these sweepers have got to pay rent for the huts from out of the miserable pittance they are getting.

It will really be a boon if this class gets free quarters, as is the system elsewhere. What with the deduction of co-operative society subscription, insurance premium and the monthly rent very little remains with the sweepers to meet their monthly expenses and it is but meet they should have at least free quarters.

Another thing is, these sweepers are not accorded the same treatment as regards casual and privilege leave, as other servants. The Municipality can grant casual leave to even those who are on temporary 1st.

The sweepers, it is understood, are treated in a niggardly manner so far as leave facilities are concerned. This grievance of theirs should be gone into immediately.

The present Board dominated as it is by the "Shahar Sudhar Mandal" is sufficiently progressive in outlook and can be well-trusted to watch vigilantly the interests of this helpless class of workers and keep them a contented lot.

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TOWARDS HINDU-MUSLIM UNITY

A Fraternity To Bring Two Communities Together Culturally, Religiously And Socially

Mr. G. S. Arundale writes:—

The very urgent need in India to-day is to bring the two great communities—Hindus and Muslims—together in greater friendship.

Despite political differences it is possible to preserve this age-old friendship between the two communities. With that purpose a movement is being launched for Hindu-Muslim Fraternity. It is an entirely non-political movement. A person joining this Fraternity must leave his political personality out of this organization, although it does not mean that he should resign his membership of any particular political association. The sole purpose of this Fraternity is to bring the two communities together, culturally, religiously and socially.

ACTIVITIES TO BE UNDERTAKEN

To fulfil the abovementioned Aims and Objects of the Fraternity, the following among other activities shall be undertaken:

To establish Hindu-Muslim Clubs at as many places in India as possible The Clubs shall undertake to study in an appreciative spirit the cultural traditions, social customs and religious truths of the two communities. Transactions shall be published either by local clubs or by the National Organization of the Hindu-Muslim Fraternity regarding the greatness of the Hindu and Muslim communities, citing historical incidents. If possible, the Clubs shall establish Hindu-Muslim Homes of Greatness. The Clubs shall celebrate Hindu and Muslim Festivals in which persons of both Faiths shall participate

The Clubs shall try to introduce in schools and other educational institutions the idea of Hindu-Muslim Fraternity in all possible ways.

The Clubs from time to time shall organize public meetings to be addressed both by Hindus and Muslims from the same platform on cultural and religious subjects. To call Provincial and All-India conferences, if possible, for Hindu-Muslim Cultural Fraternity in different parts of India.

The Clubs from time to time shall organize socials, picnics and other light programmes in order that the members of both communities may come to know each other better.

ORGANIZATION

Any person belonging to any community who subscribes to the above aims and objects can join the Hindu-Muslim Fraternity.

Local Clubs shall form their own rules and will have their own subscriptions for conducting the organisation.

Provincial organizations and an All-India Organization shall be formed after a certain number of Clubs have come into existence.

A Provisional National Committee shall be nominated immediately to organize this movement. The Committee shall consist of persons from various provinces and belonging to all the communities in India—Hindus, Muslims, Sikhs, Parsis, Europeans, etc., the purpose being that all the communities may join together in bringing about this unity between the two major communities in India.

SIND POLICE OFFICIALS PUNISHED

KARACHI, March 28.

"The Government are fully aware that members of police force should be a well-disciplined and efficient unit. This fact is revealed from the fact that as many as 170 members of the force were punished during the year 1938" said Hon. Premier Mir Bundeh Ali Khan Talpur in reply to a question in the Sind Assembly to-day.

NO CONGRESS NOMINEE

In view of the present situation the Sind Congress Parliamentary Board decided to-day not to put up any candidate for the forthcoming by-election from Dadu to Sind Assembly, following the resignation of Mr. Jamshed Mehta.—A. P.

Our Readers' Views

Better Manners

To The Editor of The "Chronicle."

Sir,—I am told that during its term of Office the Congress Ministry had issued a warning to all Public offices, especially Police, that they should be more polite and try to be better behaved towards the public. I wonder if that order has since been countermanded. I had the misfortune the other day to ring up a police Station and later to visit another and the unpleasant feeling created thereby still rankles.

Have we to wish for a further term of Congress rule to teach public servants that impertinence and rudeness is not necessarily a part of officialdom and that politeness and better manners make a distinctly better man of an officer and conduce towards efficiency.—Yours etc.

K.

POINTS FROM LETTERS

Prohibition

Mr. RUSSA H. MEHTA says: "Prohibition has been in force now for seven months in Bombay. Has it improved the general condition and efficiency of the labouring class? If it was so, why are we faced with a strike by 160,000 men working in our textile mills? It has always been claimed by our Congress Leaders that the average labourer was spending three-fourths of his salary in liquor. He ought to have saved then quite a large sum in seven dry months. However, the labour leaders are not even satisfied with the Millowners' offer of nearly 11-1/4 per cent. rise in the wages. Surely with the savings effected on the drink bill plus an increase of 11-1/4 per cent. in the wages the average mill labourer ought to feel happy and not strike as he has done."

Hindustani In Madras

MR. S. S. M. BAHMANY, Secretary, Muslim Youth Conference of South India, says: "The question of a common language for India would have been solved by itself in a natural way, if it had not been interfered with by the so-called national leaders. A certain language, call it Urdu, Hindi or Hindustani, was being gradually spread throughout India and at least since half a century the Muslims had been trying to spread this language in Southern India even at the risk of their mother tongues. For instance, the Muslims of North Arcot District, who had Tamil as their mother tongue some twenty years ago, have universally adopted Urdu or Hindustani as the mother tongue of their younger generation In all other districts the Muslims have a sincere desire to learn Urdu and there is always a pressing demand for the provision for teaching Urdu in schools."

Indian Orchestral Society

B. K. KARANJIA, says: It has always appeared to me strange and unnatural that Bombay which has a Symphony Orchestral Society for Western Music should have no institution of a similar type for Indian music. I feel that hundreds of people would like to get acquainted with Indian music if only such an institution existed for it. I was told that there were different schools of Indian music, that it was hardly possible to bring them together, that the difficulties in the path were enormous. In fact I was confronted with the usual argument of sitting still and doing nothing, the argument that it was an easy thing to say but a very very difficult thing to do. It was, therefore, with real interest and pleasure that I read Dr. D. G. Vyas's observations in his "Art and Civics" in one of the Sunday issues of your esteemed paper, recommending the formation of an Indian Orchestral Society. Particularly refreshing, I think, was Dr. Vyas's conviction that such an institution could and would become a reality if only proper efforts were made by the music conscious citizens of our city.

Easter Rush

HARRAI DESAI complains that the arrangements made by the B. B. and C. I. for running a duplicate Kathiawar Express to meet the Easter rush returning to Bombay, were inadequate. He says: "No man was there to supply water even for love of money and the plight of women and children in the last carriage that was always out of the platform can be imagined when many males sitting in carriages on the platform could not get bare necessaries like water and tea."

Muslims

L. M. MEHTA says: "Mr. Jinnah wants Independent Muslim States for major Muslim Provinces, because the Muslims are a minority in India, with the threat of help from other Muslim Governments, of the world. Is Mr. Jinnah also prepared to make other Muslim Governments, grant territorial Independence, in their countries to minor communities like the Budhists, Jews, Christians, African Kaffirs and others, or should the Hindus, and other non-Muslim, communities of the world (numbering 180 crores against 20 crores of Muslims), rush to their help and secure Independence for them?

"Pakistan Dream"

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—Unanswerable proof of the absurd lengths to which communal prejudices may carry otherwise ardent nationalists is furnished by the separate nations theory as propounded by Mr. Jinnah and supported in the open sessions of the Muslim League at Lahore. The idea of a separate Muslim State in this country is so grotesquely ridiculous that it would not deserve more than passing notice, but for the mischievous and harmful effects it is bound to leave in its trail. The indivisibility of the Indian nation is too patent to be demonstrated. The Indian National Congress has mainly contributed to build up this idea of nationhood. And now all the work of this great national institution, through more than half a century, would appear to be wasted.

The scheme as adumbrated at the League sessions at Lahore is as yet vague and before it is given practical shape we are left to surmise its implications. But supposing that it is intended to pitchfork predominantly Muslim areas into sovereign States, enjoying sovereign rights of defence, foreign relations, etc., what would be the principles guiding the foreign policy, for instance of such sovereign states? Would the Hindu and the Muslim sovereign states always see eye to eye with regard to foreign policy? What is going to prevent the clash of such diametrically opposite interests on the Indian soil if each sovereign State would be quite within its rights to flirt with any foreign power it likes.

What is the greatest need of the hour is a dispassionate approach to the problem of providing adequate and lasting safeguards for minority interests under 'Swaraj,' and not hatching Utopian schemes, which apart from being foreign to the genius of the people, do leave a bad taste in the mouth and render the task of Nationalists difficult if not impossible. And however much the die-hards of the Muslim League try to make out a case for a separate Muslim State, imperishable, irrefutable evidence of the indivisibility of the Indian nation is furnished in the day to day affairs of the two communities and other minorities too, a fact which is so eloquently expressed by the President of the Ramgarh Congress, Says Maulana Abul Kalam Azad: "This thousand years of our joint life has moulded us into a common nationality. This cannot be done artificially. Nature does her fashioning through her hidden processes in the course of centuries. The cast has now been moulded and destiny has set her seal upon it. Whether we like it or not we have now become one Indian nation united and indivisible. No fantasy or artificial scheming to separate and divide can break this unity. We must accept the logic of fact and history and engage ourselves in the fashioning of our future destiny."—Yours, etc.,

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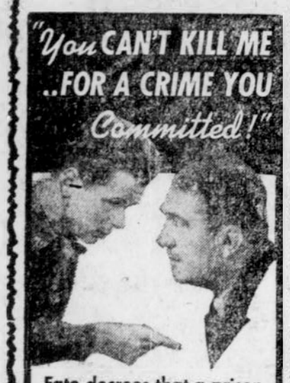

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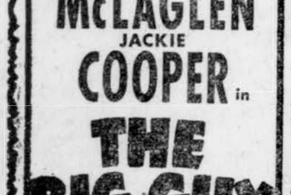

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The Government of Bombay has demanded a security of Rs. 1,500 under section 3 (3) of the Indian Press Emergency Powers Act, 1931, from Mr. Lakshman Narayan Chapekar, keeper of the Aryasanskriti Press, Poona, because that printing press was used for printing a book containing matter expressing approval and admiration of the offence of murder and of persons committing such offences, and has also declared all copies of the book to be forfeited.

PESHAWAR.—About 30 Khaksars left the Frontier Province on Wednesday for Lahore.

In order to avoid the police guard at Attock and Campbellpore some of them were seen crossing the Indus above Attock in a ferry boat. About a dozen Khaksars left Peshawar on Thursday.—A. P.

CAWNPORE.—Lady Hallett laid the foundation stone of the Alice Horseman Memorial and Dufferin Funds Hospital for Women on Thursday afternoon.

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DEGREE COURSE IN ARCHITECTURE

Bengal Govt. Approves Calcutta University's Scheme

Mr. Sris Chandra Chatterjee, Architect and a Member of the National Planning Committee, has made the following statement:—

"In response to numerous applications for admission and enquiries received by the Calcutta University and by myself from various parts of India, I have been instructed to intimate the interested public that the University's recommendation for the suggested course having been approved by the Government of Bengal, the Governing Body of the Bengal Engineering College, Calcutta, has lately decided to inaugurate the same under its control. The scheme for constructing a Barrack for accommodating one hundred students of architecture is being expedited by Dr. A. H. Pandya, the Principal of the College who is exceptionally keen in the matter.

The Course will be open to all undergraduates of the University and will cover four years: two years for the Intermediate Examination and two years for the examination for the Degree of Bachelor of Architecture. Passed B. Sc. students will be exempted from the First Year Class of the Intermediate Examination.

Our aim has been to inculcate in the students the spirit and the principles of composition, of both Occidental and Oriental Art and Architecture and to give them a thorough groundwork in building construction according to modern methods, while, at the same time, presenting to them the beauties of their own historical buildings so that, as far as may be practicable, they may combine a synthesis of the knowledge thus acquired both in their studies and in their after work. Indian Architecture and Allied Arts, Crafts and Iconography have been exclusively reserved for the last two years, the course for the degree of Bachelor of Architecture. It has been suggested that after obtaining the degree the student will be given proper practical training in the office of a practising Architect, specialising in Indian Architecture.

Our Hyderabad Letter

CONGRESS GOVT. PRAISED

For Introducing Prohibition In Provinces

(From Our Correspondent.)

HYDERABAD, Dn. (By Mail)

"The liquor traffic is a cancer" said Abraham Lincoln, "eating out the vitals of society. Do not regulate it but destroy it root and branch." That should be the aim of every temperance organisation in the country, observed Mr. R. Thomas addressing the members of the International Order of Good Templars of Secundrabad.

Government regulates by rules and laws drinking or liquor. It licences the sale of the death dealing stuff, a poison. In other words, Government aids and abets the enemy of law abiding people in the commission of horrible crimes of suicide. What for? For revenue, Government sells the birth-right of people for a mess of pottage.

CRIME IN NAME OF RELIGION.

In the Congress-governed provinces of India, prohibition was introduced in parts. It is reported to be successful. But there is a defect in the prohibition policy pursued by these provinces. It is the exemption granted to certain communities and religious bodies. Drinking in the name of religion according to law! In the name of religion, the peace of the country is disturbed, domestic tranquillity is shattered, the morals of the youth are despoiled and vices tolerated. Prohibition without exemption by legal enactment alone will drive the public enemy No. 1 out of the homes and country.

In Hyderabad State, nearly 2-1/4 million trees are tapped for Sendhi and by the sale of toddy —the common beverage of the rural population Government realised a revenue of a crore and 33 lakhs of rupees in one year recently. Who paid this amount? It is the poor peasants and labourers who all observers say are semi-starved and half-naked. The incidence of liquor revenue has risen from Rs. 1-4-7 per head to Rs. 1-6-7 during the last few years.

The speaker in conclusion observed that by stopping the Sendhi traffic it would be able to provide the population with enough cloth and food.

NAGPUR.—It is understood that Mr. K. D. Guha, Joint Secretary, National Planning Committee, has been appointed Director of Industries, C. P. and Berar. Mr. Guha is expected to assume charge of his new office from May next, in succession to Mr. D. Rege, I.C.S., the present Director of Industries.

ZAKARIA TRUST FUND DISPUTE

Advocate-General's Intervention Sought

Mr. Jan Mohammed Zakaria, a prominent person of the local Memon community has sent a letter to the Advocate General to the Government of Bombay regarding the affairs of the trust fund of the Zakeria Musjid.

In the letter Mr. Zakaria writes that the affairs of Madarsa-i-Hashmia run by the Trust Fund of the Zakeria Musjid are aggravating to worst condition. The Appointment of Mr. Abdul Latif Curtey as the Supervisor to the Said Madarsa in place of Moulana Fazulla Khan finds the root cause of the differences which alone hold the present question This has led the Trustees and the teachers of the Madarsa to be at variance with each other The trustees seem to be adamant in their decision not to cancel the order of appointment of Mr Curtey as Supervisor.

Mr. Zakaria states further that it is feared the matter of immediate dismissal of all the 18 teachers from the services is receiving the Trustees' consideration at the expense of one Supervisor. The Muslim public in general and the Cutchi Memons in particular are showing their uneasiness to the extremity in this repect.

The only possible yet sure solution lies, in the cancellation of the appointment of Mr. Curtey and to this demand the Trustees do not yield. Mr. Zakaria in conclusion urges the Advocate General in interest of the Trust Fund of the Zakeria Musjid to intervene in this dispute, lest it may in time prove to be dangerous to the parties concerned and the Funds involved.

CO-OP. BANK PROFITS & INCOME-TAX

Patna High Court Hears Argument

PATNA, March 28.

Arguments on an issue arising from the Income Tax Law, namely, whether profits made by a co-operative bank by the sale of Government securities, invested as a reserve to meet depositors runs, was taxable under the Income Tax Law, were heard to-day in the Patna High Court, before the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Manohar Lali.

The Bihar Provincial Co-operative Bank, it was stated, sold during a year of accounting, Government securities of the face value of Rs. 7,86,000 to meet the demand of depositors and by this sale realised an excess of Rs. 6-290 over what it paid as the price for securities. The Income Tax Department taxed this amount as a profit of the bank.

Sir Sultan Ahmed with Mr S. K. Mazumdar appearing on behalf of the bank argued that the excess realisation was really an accretion to capital because it really was the fixed capital of the bank.

They further argued that even in the case the profit could be treated as income instead of capital the receipts being the profits of business were exempt under the rules made by the Government of India for the benefit of the co-operative movement.

Their Lordships issued a rule calling upon the Commissioner of Income Tax to State the case.—A. P.

IRAQ MILITARY MISSION TO YEMEN

(From Our Own Correspondent).

CAIRO, (By Air Mail).

For the first time in the history of Yemen a military mission consisting of sixteen officials from Iraq has arrived in Sana, the capital of Yemen.

It is understood that unusual activities of the Italians have been going on the Eritrean coast close to Yemen. Yemen now is well prepared to face any attacks either from the sea or air.

It is also reported that one hundred officials from various departments have been selected by the Iraq Government at the request of the Imam of Yemen immediately to start for Yemen to be employed in various departments there.

It is also understood that Hodida, the principal harbour of Yemen, will be reconstructed and also fortified with heavy guns.

PATNA.—The barbers of Dinapore, about six miles from Patna, town, have gone on strike against the imposition of a professional tax on them by the cantonment board.

The barbers are now plying their trade in the adjoining municipal area where the tax is not levied.—A. P.

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TRADE AND FINANCE

Money Rates Harden To Finance Arrivals Of Crops

Absence Of Outward Movement From Ports

FAIR INVESTMENT ENQUIRY FOR GILT-EDGED SECURITIES

Weekly Market Reviews

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

BOMBAY, March 29

MONEY.

Money continued to be in good demand, day-to-day funds being quoted at around 2 per cent. per annum. Funds required to finance the arrivals of crops from the interior and absence of any outward movement from the ports were responsible for the higher money rates. 3 and 6 months' money was quoted between 2-1/4 and 2-1/2 per cent. per annum.

A weekly return of the Reserve Bank of India, compiled upto 22nd March 1940, records a fractional decline of Rs. 6.11 lakhs in the total of notes issued, whereas the active note circulation in India is up by Rs. 41.94 lakhs. Balances held abroad record an increase of Rs. 2.99 crores and the item of Government Treasury Bills purchased and discounted is down by Rs. 120.35 lakhs. Government balances with the Bank are up by Rs. 1.59 crores, whereas Bankers' and Other Deposits show a decline of Rs. 26.54 lakhs and Rs. 8.33 lakhs respectively.

A statement of the Imperial Bank of India, drawn upto 22nd March 1940, records an increase of Rs. 110.38 lakhs, in Advances of which Cash Credits and Overdrafts account for Rs. 99.01 lakhs. Deposits are up by Rs. 178.56 lakhs and the Bank's holding of cash is up by Rs. 110.39 lakhs.

GILT-EDGED.

There was a fair investment inquiry in gilt-edged during the week with a fractional rise alround. 3-1/2 per cent. Rupee Paper was, however, not freely offered and the quotation advanced from Rs. 94 to Rs. 94-10, whilst 3-1/2 per cent. India Sterling Stock improved from £95 to £95-1/2, closing at £95-1/4. Amongst other dated bonds, 2-3/4 per cent. 1948-52 loan was about unchanged around Rs. 97-8 and 3 per cent. 1941 bonds around Rs. 101-10. 3 per cent. 1951-54 loan was quoted at Rs. 98-8, whilst 3 per cent. 1963-65 loan moved up from Rs. 93-6 to Rs. 93-8 at the close. 3-1/2 per cent. 1947-50 loan was steadier at Rs. 104 as against the opening level of Rs. 103-12 and 4 per cent. 1960-70 loan changed hands at Rs. 108-4. 4 per cent. 1943 bonds were quoted at Rs. 105-15, 4-1/2 per cent. 1955-60 loan at Rs. 114-8 and 5 per cent. 1945-55 (tax free) loan at Rs. 111-15.

EXCHANGE.

The rupee/sterling exchange market was unchanged throughout the week under review, sellers of spot T.T. quoting 1s. 5-63/64d. with buyers at 1s. 6-1/64d. The rates fixed by the Exchange Banks Association for merchant business were as under:—

Sellers:—T.T. for spot delivery and upto six months. 1s. 5-31/32d.

Buyers:—T.T. for spot delivery and upto six months. 1s. 6-1/32d.

In the free foreign exchange market in New York, sterling kept steady around the previous close of 372 cents until mid-week, but on re-opening after the Easter holidays, the sterling/dollar cross-rate declined precipitately to 349.37 cents on Wednesday, but closed at 360 cents. The discount on three months' forward sterling widened from 2-5/8 cents to 3 cents at the close. In London, the Bank of England's buying and selling rates for various currencies were as under:—

The sterling/dollar 403-1/2 and 402-1/2; the sterling/franc 176-3/4 and 176-1/2; the sterling/guilder 7.58 and 7.53; and the sterling/belga 23.75 and 23.60; the lira was quoted between 73.00 and 70.00. Among the Far Eastern exchange, the Shanghai dollar was pegged around 4d. throughout, whilst the yen moved up from 1s. 3-7/32d. to 1s. 3-31/32d during the week.

GOLD.

Owing to the incidence of the Easter holidays, this was a short-working week in the local gold market. Spot gold, which stood at Rs. 42-7-6 before the holidays, opened steady at Rs. 42-8-6 and after advancing to Rs. 42-11-6 in sympathy with a sharp decline in the sterling/dollar cross-rate in New York, declined and closed at Rs. 42-10 in the absence of buying. April settlement gold was quoted at level rates with spot and the premium on May settlement, which stood at 1-1/2 annas at the opening, widened to 2 annas at the close owing to accumulation of stocks. In London, the Bank of England's buying price for gold remained unchanged at 168 shillings per ounce. Floating stocks of gold are estimated at about 2,50,000 tolas, arrivals from upcountry are estimated to have averaged about 10,000 tolas a day and the average daily offtake for trade purposes is estimated at 1,500 tolas. The highest and lowest rates touched were: Rs. 42-11-6 and Rs. 42-7-3 for spot, and April settlement and Rs. 42-13-6 and Rs. 42-9-9 for May settlement.

SILVER.

Variations in the price of silver were comparatively small. Spot silver, after opening at Rs. 57-6, advanced to Rs. 57-10 on Monday and after a setback to Rs. 56-13 on Tuesday advanced and closed at Rs. 57-8 on steadier advices from London. April settlement silver was quoted at level rates with spot, whereas the premium on May settlement varied between 3-1/2 annas and 4 annas. In London, after Easter holidays, spot silver opened 5/8d. under the previous close of 20-11/16d. but thereafter steadily advanced to 20-7/16d. on Thursday. Two months forward delivery was quoted at a premium of 1/16d. throughout. Stock of silver are estimated at about 28,000 bars. The highest and lowest rates touched were: Rs. 57-10 and Rs. 56-15 for spot, and April settlement and Rs. 57-14 and Rs. 57 for May settlement.

SHARES.

This was a short-working week on the local share market owing to the intervention of the Easter holidays. The marked opened on a steady note and ruled firm mid-week on a sharp appreciation of the dollar in the New York free market. Towards the close, however, there was a slight reaction following improvement in the sterling/dollar rate from the bottom of 349 cents to 360 cents in the New York market.

Tata Iron and Steel Deferreds improved by about 100 points to Rs. 2122-8, but reacted and closed at Rs. 2075, whilst Ordinaries, after registering a gain of over 14 points, closed lower at Rs. 387-8. Cotton mill shares despite the continuance of the strike ruled steady, although the turnover in this section was comparatively small; Bombay Dyeing gained about 40 points to Rs. 290, Central Indias improved by 10 points to Rs. 294 and Centuries moved up to Rs. 296, but reacted and closed lower at Rs. 970, Rs. 283 and Rs. 287 respectively. Colaba Lands improved to Rs. 159, Kohinoors to Rs. 370 and New Greats to Rs. 360, but were marked down at Rs. 154-8, Rs. 361 and Rs. 346 respectively at the end. In the Hydro-electric section, prices ruled steady in sympathy with gilt-edged; Andhra Valleys advanced from Rs. 1510 to Rs. 1535 at the close, whilst Bombay Trams were fully maintained around Rs. 132. Tata Hydros showed little or no change around Rs. 159, whilst Tata Powers went ex-dividend during the week and were quoted at Rs. 1341-4. Amongst Banks, Central Banks ruled firm with good investment inquiry, the quotation moving up from Rs. 36-4 to Rs. 37-6. Bank of Indias were virtually pegged around Rs. 138, but Imperial Banks Fully Paids ruled quieter at Rs. 1515 as compared with the opening level of Rs. 1525-8. Reserve Banks declined from Rs. 108-4 to Rs. 106-4. In the miscellaneous group, Associated Cements were firm mid-week at Rs. 124 on bear covering, but declined and closed at Rs. 121-12 on profit-taking. Scindia Steams moved up from Rs. 18-4 to Rs. 19-15, whilst New Indias kept steady around Rs. 38-6. Bombay Burmas, after opening weak at Rs. 618-12, improved to Rs. 642-8, but closed lower again at Rs. 622-8, whilst Belapurs, after touching Rs. 221, reacted and closed at Rs. 215-8.

CALCUTTA HESSIANS.

The price of hessians declined from Rs. 13-6 to Rs. 12-15, whilst that of raw jute sagged to Rs. 62-8 from the opening level of Rs. 66-4. Jute shares in the Calcutta market ruled steady with a limited turnover.

PEPPER AND GINGER PRICES

Bombay, March 29

(The Pepper and Ginger Merchants' Association, Ltd.).

Pepper ready Allepey per candy	Rs.	88	0 0
Pepper Chaitra Sud 15 per candy		89	0 0
Pepper Jeth Sud 15 per candy ...		90	0 0
Pepper ready Lampong in C.I.F. per candy	not quoted		
Ginger ready unbleached per cwt		16	8 0
Ginger ready bleached per cwt ...		17	8 0
Ginger Chaitra Sud 15 per cwt ...		15	0 0
Ginger Vaishakh Sud 15 per cwt ...		15	8 0

Position Of Scheduled Banks

Statement of the position of scheduled banks as at the close of business on 22nd March:—

1. Demand Liabilities:—	
(a) In India	136,58,90,000
(b) In Burma	7,40,19,000
2. Time Liabilities:—	
(a) In India	106,99,47,000
(b) In Burma	3,77,76,000
3. Cash:—	
i. Currency notes of the Government of India and Bank Notes—	
(a) In India	5,59,65,000
(b) In Burma	1,25,000
ii. Burma Notes:—	
(a) In India	14,000
(b) In Burma	17,92,000
iii. Rupee Coin:—	
(a) In India	55,09,000
(b) In Burma	1,06,000
iv. Subsidiary Coin:—	
(a) In India	23,30,000
(b) In Burma	47,000
4. Balances with Reserve Bank	16,77,47,000
5. Advances:—	
(a) In India	147,94,43,000
(b) In Burma	6,37,04,000
6. Bills Discounted:—	
(a) In India	6,16,36,000
(b) In Burma	30,29,000

Comparative Statement of the Position of Scheduled Banks.

(In thousand Rupees)

	22-3-1940	15-3-1940	24-3-1939	1-9-1939
1 Demand Liabilities in India and Burma	143,99,09	144,41,85	128,78,32	141,39,78
	(7,40,19)	(7,43,85)	(6,24,61)	(7,03,29)
2 Time Liabilities in India and Burma	110,77,23	110,32,99	108,66,48	106,46,45
	(3,77,76)	(3,75,90)	(4,35,74)	(4,22,12)
3 Total Cash in India and Burma	6,58,88	6,97,43	6,07,48	7,29,82
	(20,70)	(24,36)	(22,12)	(39,37)
4. Balances with Reserve Bank	16,77,47	17,03,32	12,69,85	25,27,75
5. Advances in India and Burma	154,31,47	152,24,41	124,22,77	105,65,08
	(6,37,04)	6,26,61)	(5,22,13)	(4,12,92)
6. Bill's discounted in India and Burma	6,46,85	6,37,22	7,72,00	3,86,74
	(30,29)	(28,93)	(31,41)	(29,45)

(Burma figures are shown in brackets)

BOMBAY YARN QUOTATIONS

Bombay, March 29

Yarn No. 6 1/2s. April 135 June 137 August 139

Yarn No. 10 1/2s. April 168 June 161 August 164

Yarn No. 20 1/2s. April 210 1/2 June 213 1/2 August 217 1/2

Yarn No. 40s. April 265 June 268 August 271

INDIAN COTTON FIGURES

Bombay, March 29

RECEIPTS INTO BOMBAY

In full-pressed bales	Yesterday	This year Since 1st Sept.	Last year
Khandesh	41	49,990	36,057
Central India	763	90,546	201,272
Barsi and Nagar		106,473	62,400
Hyderabad Gaorani		42,649	4,183
Berar	323	281,845	148,876
Central Provinces	165	69,645	32,838
Total Oomras	1,292	641,148	485,626
Dholera	1,048	60,256	141,374
N W Provinces		23,546	2,284
Rajputana	32	25,743	51,995
Sind Punjab	986	306,934	284,716
Broach	3,089	295,285	257,092
Coompta and Dharwar	71	17,742	18,630
Westerns Northerns	10	18,732	25,158
Cocoanada		82	84
Tinnevelly and Cambodia		1,309	2,553
American		53,387	2,578
Egyptian, African and Sudan		203,189	228,761
Comilla, Burma and other sorts		2,654	7
Total	6,528	1,651,007	1,486,858
Arrived by road to 21st March 1940		204,358	

EXPORTS FROM BOMBAY

1st Sept to 21st March

In full-pressed bales	Yesterday	This year	Last year
Total	801	689,225	821,716

American Cotton Figures

F. P. Bales	1939-40	1938-39
Receipts to date 28-3-40	6858000	3522000
Receipts yesterday 28-3-40	7000	2000
Export to date 28-3-40	5350000	2916000
Stock at Ports 25-3-40	2926000	2340000
Stock at Interior Towns 25-3-40	2661000	2986000
Stock at Liverpool 25-3-40	.....	.....
Visible Supply 25-3-40	.....	6350000
Quantity in sight 25-3-40	12126000	8283000
Quantity out of sight 25-3-40	.....	7559000

PRODUCE RECEIPTS

Bombay, March 29

Linseed	17,195	cwts.
Rape, Rai and Mustardseeds	3,155	cwts.
Gingellyseed	1,342	cwts.
Groundnuts	12,396	cwts.
Castorseed	3,247	cwts.
Myrabollams	2,539	cwts.
Cottonseed	17,944	cwts.
Indian sugar	3,055	cwts.

INDIA'S COPPER SHORTAGE OVERCOME

Reversion To Baked-Mud Cooking Utensils Avoided

New Delhi, March 25

Millions of Indian housewives ran the risk, shortly after the outbreak of war, of being forced to revert to the use of baked mud household utensils, because, first, there was such a world shortage of aluminium, that there was none left for shipment to India after war requirements had been satisfied, and secondly, because India is only a small producer of copper, so that none was expected to be left for the use of the civil population after the requirements of the Defence Services, the Railways and the Mint had been met.

Though India has Bauxite, it has not so far been used here for the production of aluminium, the entire supplies of which, for making cooking and other utensils, are imported from abroad; the requisitioning of world supplies for other areas drastically reduced the aluminium available for the Indian market.

BRASS CONSUMPTION

To supply Indian housewives with the "brass" cooking utensile which have been used for generations, India consumes about 21,000 tons yearly of yellow metal; of this about 11,000 tons yearly are imported, of which 600 to 7,000 tons came from Germany; about 10,000 tons were produced in India by the only company refining copper from indigenous ore.

On the outbreak of war it was found that this company's entire output would be required for defence purposes, and that if this were requisitioned, there would be no copper left to supply the civil population with their domestic utensils.

With neither aluminium nor copper available, the situation could have become serious for the housewives of India who would have had to resort to baked-mud vessels, as both iron and tin were other commodities required for the defence services.

RHODESIAN SUPPLY

The Department of Supply began scouring the world for copper and, in response, Rhodesia came to India's assistance by supplying blister copper to the amount required to keep the Indian market supplied with the vitally necessary "brass" utensils. The company already refining copper undertook immediately to put up the additional plant necessary to refine the imported copper for the use of the Defence Services, the Railways and the Mint, while the existing plant continued to produce yellow metal for the civil population. It was then found that there was a serious shortage of electrolytic zinc necessary for the production of yellow metal, and once more the Department of Supply succeeded in securing supplies from abroad sufficient for sometime.

The company producing yellow metal for the civil population agreed that as the Department of Supply arranges for them to be supplied with blister copper, the company will resell without profit the manufactured copper to Government users at a price fixed by the Department. The civil population is, therefore, now assured for some time of a sufficient supply of yellow metal and hence of its cooking utensils.

Credit for this result is due in no small measure to the industry for their wholehearted support of the Department of Supply.

The aluminium position has been temporarily eased by the collection of scrap aluminium for rerolling into sheets suitable for conversion into utensils and it is hoped that in the not distant future the position will be further considerably eased following arrangements now being made to produce and manufacture in India.

GROUNDNUTS & SEEDS

Bombay, March 29

Castorseeds May—			
Opening	Rs.	46	6 0
Highest		47	0 0
Lowest		45	12 0
Closing		46	2 0
Groundnuts May—			
Opening		37	15 0
Highest		38	1 0
Lowest		37	8 6
Closing		37	9 0
Cottonseeds May—			
Opening		25	4 6
Highest		25	6 0
Lowest		25	0 6
Closing		25	1 6

BOMBAY METALS

Bombay, March 29

Yellow metal sheets	Rs.	59	0 0
Copper sheets	Rs.	74	0 0

Tone:—Very steady.

NEW YORK SUGAR

New York, March 28

May	1.88
July	1.94
September	1.99
November	2.03

GROUNDNUTS COROMANDEL SHELLED

London, March 28

March	£15	7	0
April	£15	7	6

WHEAT CHICAGO

Chicago, March 28

May	dol.	1.04 3/4
July	dol.	1.03 1/2
September	dol.	1.03 1/8

ACCURATE JUTE FORECAST

Central Committee's Experiment

The Assistant Publicity Officer, Indian Central Jute Committee has issued the following Press Note:—

The unreliability of the official jute forecast as at present obtained is admitted and the Indian Central Jute Committee is trying to find out an accurate method for forecasting the jute crop on scientific lines. With this object in view a test random sampling survey was conducted in 1939 under the guidance of Prof. P. C. Mahalanobis of the Indian Statistical Institute, Calcutta. A more ambitious survey, covering 25,000 square miles in eight districts is planned for the present year.

The well-known American economic Statistician, Prof. Harold Hotelling, of Columbia University, U.S.A., who recently visited Calcutta, in an exhaustive memorandum on the report, submitted by Prof. Mahalanobis, on the Committee's random sampling survey scheme, makes the following remarks:—

TWO ESSENTIALS

"The two essentials for the proper design of an efficient and economic sampling survey are a knowledge of the cost function for the survey and the knowledge of the variance function. The particular form of variance function adopted in this report seems to fit the experimentally obtained facts quite well and to be suitable as a basis for further utilisation. The analysis of cost also appears to have been carried out with accuracy and acumen, with the result that a good estimate of the cost function for the limited range covered has been obtained.

"One of the great needs of every investigation is an effective checking of the accuracy and for every enterprise there is a great need of testing costs. Both these needs will be provided for, if one of Prof. Mahalanobis' recommendations is carried out. This particular proposal is that the next work of this kind be in the form of two independent half samples, with the information for each half sample collected by different sets of investigators.

SAMPLE

"The technique of taking sample censuses of jute acreage has now been brought to a degree of excellence that will justify the continued use of sample censuses as the best and most economical means of determining acreage each year. So long as estimates are to be made this technique, with minor modifications, will continue as the best and most economical way of arriving at them, so far as can be judged at present.

"In the United States there have been many efforts by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics and others to estimate crop acreage by various methods. The view which has now come to prevail in that Bureau, and which is being made the basis at present for investigation of possible techniques, is that random sampling is the most economical and efficient procedure. However, no technique of random sampling has, so far as I can find, been developed in the United States or elsewhere which can compare in accuracy or in economy with that described by Prof. Mahalanobis."

Indian Tea Estate Quota

CALCUTTA, March 29.

The following press note has been issued by the Indian Tea Association:—

After consultation with all interests concerned, agreement has been reached on the figure of allotment under the Indian Tea Association's scheme for the regulation of production and marketing of tea in India for the year 1940-41, which it has been decided will be 15 per cent. of the crop basis of each signatory estate for the year.—A. P.

Less Indian Sugar In 1939

NEW DELHI, March 29.

The final memorandum on the production of sugar refined from "Gur" in India during the calendar year 1939, issued by the Director, Imperial Institute of Sugar Technology, India, Cawnpore, places the production at 14,200 tons as against 16,600 tons in 1938. The number of factories refining gur was ten. The total quantity of "Gur" melted amounted to 23,300 tons as against 26,700 tons in the previous year. The percentage recoveries of sugar and molasses were 60.94 and 27.48 respectively, as against 62.17 and 32.95 in the previous year.—A. P.

RANGOON,—A committee of six with the Speaker as President will hold an enquiry into the case of alleged bribery among the members of the House of Representatives. The House had held a secret session to discuss this question on Tuesday last when all outsiders, including the press, were excluded.

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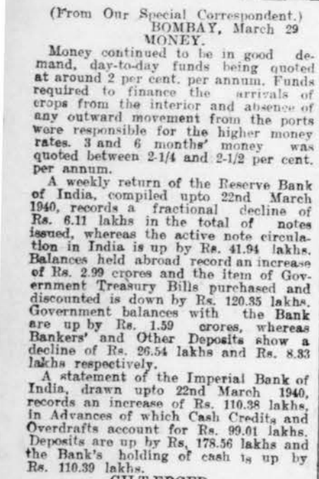

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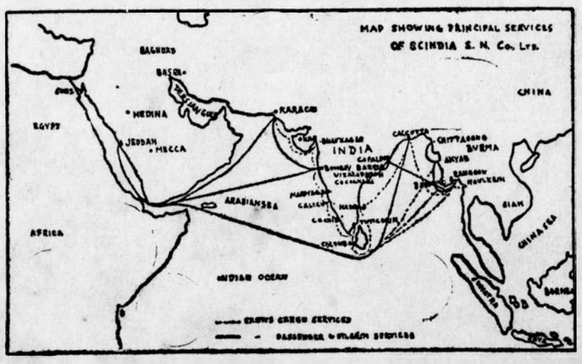

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Viceroy To Issue

White Paper On Indian Political Situation?

Reiteration Of Goal Of Dominion Status And Appeal For Unity Among Indians!

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)
NEW DELHI, March 29.

WHILE REPORTS ABOUT AN EARLY GANDHI-VICEROY MEETING ARE DESCRIBED IN NEW DELHI AS "BORN OUT OF WISHFUL THINKING", IT IS BEING STATED IN INFORMED CIRCLES, THAT AN EARLY STATEMENT WILL BE ISSUED PRESUMABLY IN THE FORM OF A WHITE PAPER, OUTLINING THE MAIN EVENTS IN THE INDIAN POLITICAL SITUATION, SINCE THE DECLARATION OF WAR. THE WHITE PAPER WILL, IT IS BELIEVED, CONTAIN DECLARATIONS BY CONGRESS, MUSLIM LEAGUE, PRINCES AND OTHERS, AS ALSO THE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS TO MEET THE VARYING AND VARIOUS DEMANDS.

Another report states that such a statement will be issued on the eve of the Parliamentary debate on Indian Constitutional deadlock, which is expected early next month, or it may be compiled for the benefit of the Government's spokesman in both the Houses of Parliament. The statement if, and when issued by the Viceroy, it is said, will contain a reiteration of the British Government's Indian Policy, namely, goal of Dominion Status within the Statute of Westminster at the shortest practicable interval and an appeal for unity among Indians during the International crisis.

ESSENTIALS OF DOMINION STATUS

Adequate Defence Arrangements And Abolition Of Communal Award Proposed

NAGPUR, March 29.

If India was to attain Dominion Status, adequate arrangements for her defence and the abolition of the Communal Award must be its precursors, said Mr. Baijnath Bajoria, M.L.A. (Central), in the course of his Presidential Address at the 12th Session of the All-India Varnashram Swarajya Sangh which commenced here this evening.

Here was an opportunity for the British Government to prove their bona fides with regard to India's achievement of Dominion Status; for without tangible work in the direction of compulsory military training and of the annulment of the Communal Award, it would not be possible to gain the confidence and active support of all people in the country.—A.P.

TEN KILLED IN LORRY ACCIDENT

LAHORE, March 29.

Ten passengers were killed on the spot, and several others were injured in a lorry accident, the report of which has been received here from Hazro in the district of Attock.—United Press

Kamala Nehru Hospital

ALLAHABAD, March 29.

Dr. Jivraj Mehta and Dr. B. C. Roy, who are both Trustees of the Kamala Nehru Memorial Hospital under construction came on a short visit to Allahabad to inspect and make suggestions about the sanitary and other fittings in the hospital.—A. P.

Indian Chambers' Federation Meeting

NEW DELHI, March 29.

The annual meeting of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce will begin to-morrow.

A Draft resolution urges the appointment of a Permanent Tariff Board, emphasises that in making purchases on behalf of the Allies, the Indian cultivator receives the same consideration as his brother in the Dominions, urges the importance of preserving India's export markets and appointment of qualified Indians to posts in newly created departments of the Government of India.—A. P.

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province. The amendment is designed to remove this defect.

The third change is to render the benefits of the Indian Soldiers' (Litigation) Act 1925 admissible to members of Indian States forces while serving in the conditions specified in the Section 18 of the Act.—A. P.

Sir Ziauddin Walks Out From Assembly

NEW DELHI, March 29.

Sir Ziauddin Ahmed, Secretary Muslim League Party in the Assembly staged a walk-out from the Assembly Chamber to express resentment at what he regarded as an attempt to prevent him from speaking in the House.

He stated: "I should like to record the fact that I was asked either to finish the whole business today or we will have to sit to-morrow which is Chelum holiday. I was not allowed to speak on a motion. Hence I quietly withdraw." and gathered up some of his papers and left the hall.

An amendment to fix the petrol duty at ten annas instead of the proposed 12 annas was at the time under discussion.—A. P.

The new school building of St. Teresa High School, Girgaum, was formally opened on Thursday evening by His Grace Dr. Thomas Roberts, Archbishop of Bombay, in presence of a large and distinguished gathering. Photo shows the Archbishop with the Principal and members of the staff.

Andhra Christian Conference

CULTIVATE FRIENDLY RELATIONS

"Separate Electorates And Reservation Of Seats Will Lead You Nowhere"

NARASAPUR, March 29.

The view that the system of separate electorates and reservation of seats tended to increase the communal differences without conferring any corresponding advantage on the communities electing their representatives on that basis, was expressed by Dr. D. Ramachandra Rao, presiding over the Ninth Andhra Provincial Christian Political Conference held here this afternoon.

He said that without the help and sympathy of the majority the minority could not exist either outside or inside the legislature, Christians should therefore, always try to cultivate friendly relations with other communities. If they could secure this friendship they need have no fear at all of the majority rule.

Mr. Ramachandra Rao next referred to Mr. M. A. Jinnah's two nation theory and said it was surprising to find an erstwhile nationalist, Mr. Jinnah, advocating thoroughly reactionary views.

When the Congress was about to launch Civil Disobedience in 1920, Mr. Jinnah was one of those who criticised the policy stating that by such methods the Congress instead of bending the British Government would end itself.

But after passing through years of travail. Congress emerged successfully through the fight and captured the Government in eight out of the eleven provinces in the country.

It was expected that Mr. Jinnah though pessimistic at the beginning, would be the foremost to rejoice in the happy culmination. but surprisingly enough, he had turned round and denounced the Congress and has gone the length of saying that the success of Congress was the defeat of the Moslems.—A. P.

JUHU AERODROME TO BE DROPPED

(From Our Correspondent)
NEW DELHI, March 29.

It appears likely that a new site will be selected for an enlarged aerodrome in Bombay in view of the proposals for new services like direct airline between Bombay and Calcutta. It is said the present aerodrome at Juhu may have to be given up in favour of a better and more extensive site in some other suburb. The new Bombay Aerodrome when completed is expected to be one of the biggest in the country both in importance and size.

JAPANESE MOVE TO DUMP INDIAN MARKET?

NEW DELHI, March 29.

In connection with the report from Tokyo that a provisional agreement has been made to increase Japanese cotton textile exports to India to 400 million yards annually it is understood that the Japanese Government informed the Government of India that they intended to make this arrangement on their regaining their freedom of action owing to the lapse of the existing protocol on March 31.

The Government of India let it be known that they would not regard an increase of exports on this limited scale as contravening the undertaking by the Japanese Government that they would not take advantage of the lapse of the protocol by allowing heavy Japanese exports to India.—A. P.

CALCUTTA, March 29.

A second and serious operation will be performed on the Rev. C. F. Andrews on Sunday, March 31. He will be removed from the Presidency General Hospital to a private nursing home to-morrow for the purpose.—A.P.

Get Out Of Calcutta

Orders On Labour Leaders

CALCUTTA, March 29.

Four Calcutta Labour leaders received notices this morning ordering them to quit the city of Calcutta and the industrial districts of Hooghly and Howrah forthwith.

Two of these leaders have been given 24 hours in which to obey the order, while the other two have received 48 hours' grace.

It is thought probable that similar orders will be served on other labour leaders either in the course of to-day or to-morrow.

This brings the total of the number of persons in Bengal whose movements have been restricted to 63, in addition to the 535 people who have been arrested.—A.P.

EXTERNMENT ORDERS GALORE

Defence Of India Rules In Action In Calcutta

CALCUTTA, March 29.

Mr. Niranjan Sen, an ex-political prisoner and sub-Editor of the "Jugantar," a Bengali daily, has been served orders under the Defence of India Act to leave Calcutta within 48 hours.

Mr. Balailal Das Mahapatra of the Bengal Labour Association and Mr. Bala Chandra Bose of the Belaghata Chatkal Mazdoor Union have been served with orders under the Defence of India Rules not to remain, after 48 hours of serving of the notice, in any place within the limits of Calcutta and its suburbs, the districts of 24 Parganas, Howarh, Hooghly and Asansol Sub-Division.—United Press.

SMALL RELIEF TO SUGAR INDUSTRY

Finance Bill Passed With One Amendment

BILL TO TIGHTEN LOOPHOLE IN DEFENCE OF INDIA ACT INTRODUCED

NEW DELHI, March 29.

The Finance Bill with one amendment exempting sugar produced upto February 29 from the Enhanced Duty was passed by the Assembly.

NEW DELHI, March 29

Sir Jeremy Raisman, Finance Member, accepted amid cheers an amendment moved in the Assembly this morning by Mr. Ramsay Scott providing that the enhanced sugar excise duty of three rupees should be levied on sugar produced on or after March 1, 1940, and that the old duty of two rupees should apply to sugar produced on or before February 29 whether issued out of a factory after that date or used within a factory on or after such date in the manufacture of any commodity other than sugar.

The assembly passed the amendment unanimously

Mr. Scott and Sardar Sant Singh who supported him calculated the value of the concession asked for in the amendment as Rs. seventy lakhs.—A. P.

Earlier during the day's debate, an amendment was attempted by Maulvi Abdul Ghani supported by Mr. Lalchand Navalrai and Sir Ziauddin to omit the entire clause containing the new sugar duty, but this amendment was negatived.

After Mr. Ramsay Scott's amendment had been accepted by the House Sir Ziauddin asked for permission to move his amendment to reduce the duty from Rs. three to Rs. 2/8.

PRESIDENT PULLS UP.

The President pointed out that he could not do so now, because his amendment related to a clause which was no longer in existence now, having been substituted by a new one in terms of Mr. Ramsay Scott's amendment.

Sir Ziauddin said he ought to have been allowed to speak on that amendment.

The President: the Hon. Member could have opposed the amendment, and if his reasons were sound, he would have carried the House with him in getting that amendment defeated.

Sir Ziauddin: then I will oppose the whole clause.

The President suggested that the Hon. Member need not threaten the House in that manner, and pointed out that the clause had already been accepted by the house.

Sir Ziauddin thereupon stated: I should like to record this fact that it was asked either to finish the whole business to-day or we will have to sit to-morrow, which is Chelum holiday, secondly, I was not allowed to speak on the motion.

The Chair: the Hon. Member is not now in order.

Sir Ziauddin: hence I quietly withdraw.

An attempt to fix the petrol duty at ten annas, instead of twelve was made by Maulvi Abdul Ghani supported by Sardar Sant Singh, Maulana Zafarali and Mr. M. S. Aney who complained of high prices of petrol and urged price control. They argued that the enhanced duty would hit industries hard.

Sir Jeremy Raisman replying pointed out that the use of petrol for stationary engines in industries was negligible fraction of the total and it was in his opinion not a consideration which should carry any weight in dealing with the increase of duty. As for the question of high petrol prices, here as in the case of sugar, questions of that kind were not directly relevant to the finance bill. He was not prepared to accept that it would be open or justifiable for Government to attempt any far-reaching scheme of regulation.

Maulvi Abdul Ghani's amendment was negatived as also Mr. Lalchand Navalrai's amendment to fix the duty at eleven annas.

The Assembly adjourned till Monday.—A. P.

Standing Finance Committee Personnel

NEW DELHI, March 29.

The following fourteen members of the Central Legislative Assembly were declared elected to the newly formed standing finance committee which will function after a lapse of three years:

Sir Abdulla Haroon, Shaikh Fazalihaq Piracha, Seth Essak Sait, Sir Ziauddin (Muslim League), Seth Baij Nath Bajoria and Doctor Bannerji (Congress Nationalist), Messrs L. C. Buss and Chapman-Mortimer (European group), Mr. N. M. Dumasia, Kunwar Haji Ismailalikhan, Lt. Colonel M. A. Rahman, Sir Ahmed Nawazkhan, Sir Abdul Hamid and Doctor Habibul Rahman (non-official nominated). Sir Jeremy Raisman, Finance Member, will be the chairman of the committee.

The following eleven members were declared elected to the Standing Finance Committee for Railways:—Sir Yaminkhan, Mr. Murtaza Sahib Bahadur, Mr. Nauman and Sir Ziauddin (Muslim League) Sirdar Santsingh and Mr. Aney (Congress nationalists) Mr. F. E. James (European group), Sir Abdul Halim Ghaznavi and Mr. Shabban (unattached non-officials) Mr. Muz, Mr. Muazzam Sahib, Rai Bahadur Shivaraj (non-official nominated).

Nawabzada Khurshid Ali Khan and Sir Ramunni Menon were declared elected members of the standing committee on labour from the Council of State.—A. P.

DEFENCE OF INDIA ACT RULES

Tightening Loop-holes

NEW DELHI, March 29.

Three minor changes in the Defence of India Act are proposed in a Bill introduced in the Assembly this morning by Sir Mohamed Zafrullah Khan.

The first change is intended to enable rules to be made for the prevention 'inter alia' of the spreading of reports or the prosecution of purposes likely to prejudice His Majesty's relations with Foreign Powers.

Secondly, as all officers serving in a Chief Commissioner's Province are Subordinate to the Central Government, Sub-Section 5 of Section 2 of the Act as it now stands has the anomalous and unintended effect of precluding delegation by the Chief Commissioner to any officer serving in his

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Edgar Wallace Detective Story Day By Day

INSPECTOR WADE — THE FEATHERED SERPENT CASE

I WONDER? AM I FOOLING THE FEATHERED SERPENT--OR IS HE FOOLING ME?
HOW ABOUT SENDIN' WADE OUT TO GET BEALE? IT OUGHTA BE A CINCH . . .
PERHAPS--IF WADE IS STILL SUFFERING FROM LOSS OF MEMORY!
SURE HE IS! HE BROKE JAIL AN' COME STRAIGHT HERE, DIDN'T HE?
WE'LL USE HIM . . . THIS ONE MORE TIME! AFTER THAT----
THIS WILL TAKE CARE OF INSPECTOR WADE OF SCOTLAND YARD--FOR ALL TIME!
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